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**CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MEMO NO. 229-23**

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**TO:** CTE Administrators

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Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education

**SUBJECT: Top 100 Professions and Top 10 Degree Programs to Support Student Academic and Career Planning**

Pursuant to [§ 22.1-253.13:1.D.e](#), the top 100 professions in the Commonwealth by median pay and the education, training, and skills required for each such profession and the top 10 degree programs at institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth by median pay of program graduates have been updated:

- [Top 100 professions](#) in the Commonwealth by median pay and the education, training, and skills required for each such profession (docx)
- [Top 10 degree programs](#) at institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth by median pay of program graduates (docx)

The University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service in collaboration with the VDOE has researched and compiled this data for the 2023-2024 school year. The information is based on occupational employment statistics and educational attainment data produced by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics as well as longitudinal wage data produced by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

If you have questions, please contact the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, by email at [CTE@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:CTE@doe.virginia.gov) or by telephone at (804) 418-4720.

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