

# Oklahoma New Skills for Youth Grant



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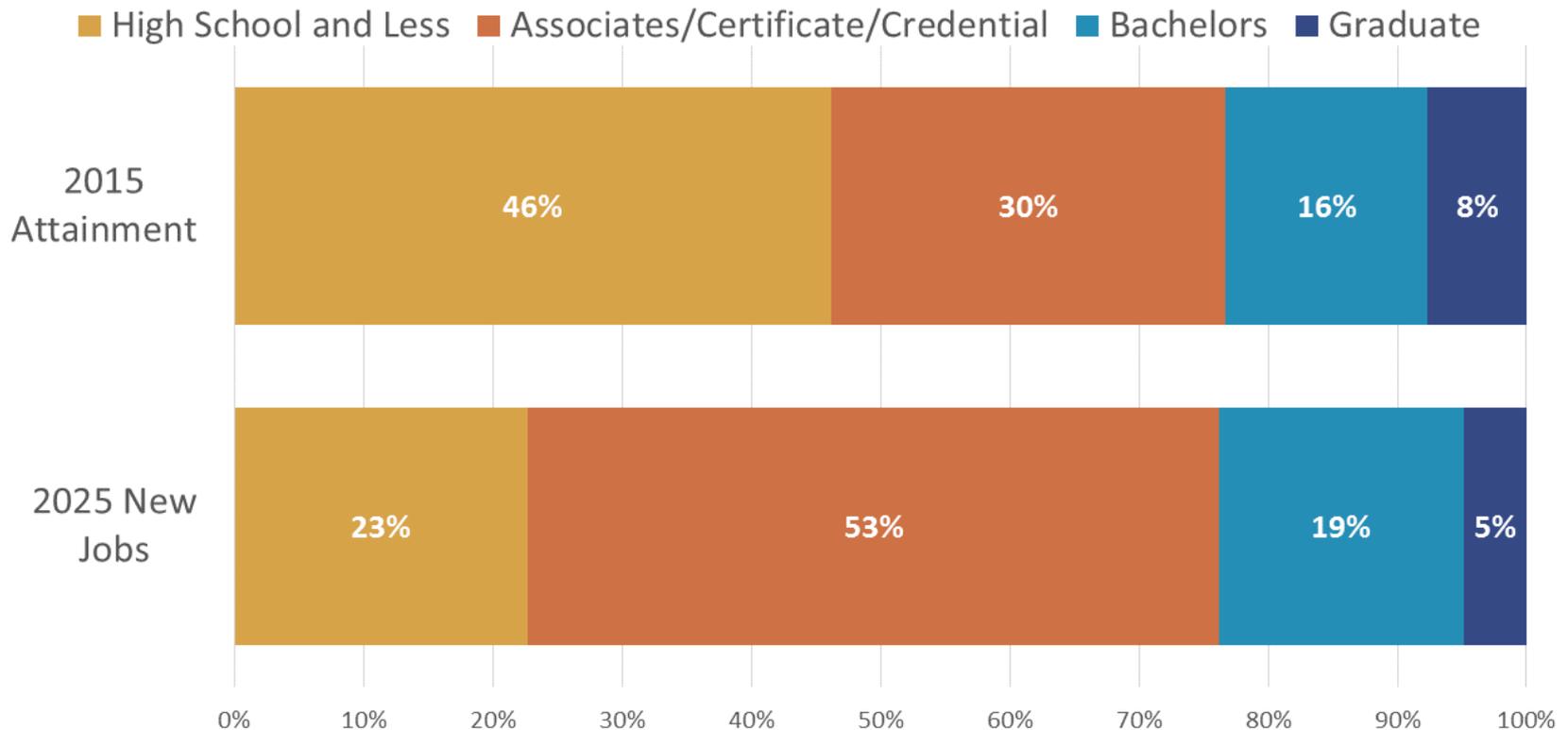
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## Oklahoma's Workforce Gap



Source: OK Office of Workforce Development; EMSI Q2, 2015



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# Ecosystems

## Driver Systems

- Aerospace & Defense
- Agriculture & Bioscience
- Energy
- Information & Financial Services
- Transportation & Distribution

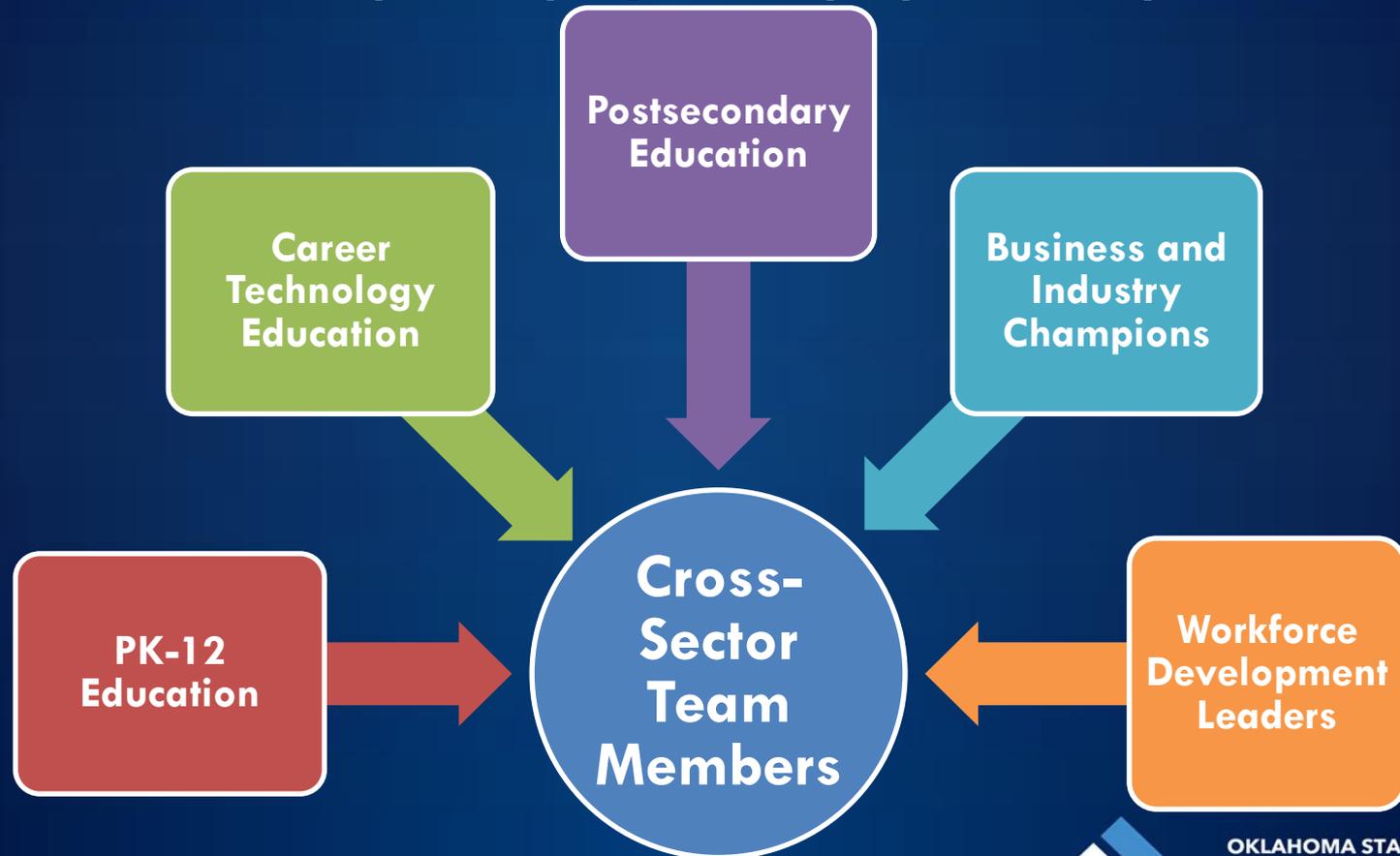
## Complementary Systems

- Construction
- Health Care
- Education
- Creative Industries



# Cross-Sector Partnerships Key to Success

**Influential, senior-level cross-sector decision-makers committed to dramatically reshaping career preparation systems:**



# Common Themes to Drive Progress

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- **Coordinate** K-12, postsecondary & business initiatives
- **Make data-driven decisions**
- Ensure equitable **access** across the state
- Advise students using **Individual Academic Plans**
- Increase **work-based learning** (including apprenticeships)
- Include postsecondary readiness indicators in state **accountability** system



# Oklahoma NSFY Next Steps

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- Cross-sector team work will **result in action plans** for career pathways that span secondary and post-secondary education.
- Businesses will work with educators to **update career pathways** to reflect the most important needs in the business sector.



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- Counselors and other educators will be empowered to **assist all students in creating and updating a career pathway.**
- Students will benefit from **exploring careers as early as elementary school**, and maintain that focus throughout their education process.



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**Collectively, we will move beyond the pockets of excellence and the mere discussion of the issue to processes and products that make lasting improvements to help all of our citizens be workforce ready.**