RCU Vision
Every student graduates ready for college, career, and life.

RCU Mission
We support leaders and teachers in building capacity for student-centered learning and school success.

Founded in 1965 as the Research Coordinating Unit for Vocational-Technical Education (RCU) at Mississippi State University (MSU). Changed name to Research and Curriculum Unit (RCU) in 2011.

The RCU contributes to MSU’s mission as a land-grant institution to better the lives of Mississippians with a focus on improving education.

RCU Areas of Work
- Assessment
- Professional Learning
- Communication
- Research & Evaluation
- Curriculum
- School Innovations
- Special Education

Provides comprehensive evaluation of education-related programs.

Provides statewide exams to around 30,000 Mississippi career and technical education (CTE) students yearly.

Facilitated the founding of 6 early college high schools in Mississippi.

Organizes the Mississippi Association of Career and Technical Educators (MS ACTE) Summer Conference, which serves over 1,000 attendees each year.

Develops and disseminates biannual magazines highlighting Mississippi public education.

Develops and maintains curricula and their supporting documents for CTE, science, foreign language, history, special education, and computer science.

Performs research on pressing education matters, such as:
- public perception of CTE
- CTE’s effect on high school graduation rates
- performance-based teacher compensation

Organizes a statewide network, Impact Learning, of innovative schools and districts based on 6 foundational design principles.

Prepares 95% of Mississippi CTE teachers entering the education profession from the workforce with New Teacher Induction training program.

Over 5,000 national certification exams provided yearly.

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