

Pre-Employment Transition Services: Counseling on Educational and Training Options

Counseling on Educational and Training Options is one of the [five pre-employment transition services \(pre-ETS\) categories](#). Providing students with counseling on educational and training options after high school opens multiple pathways for future career and financial stability and success. Students should receive guidance on the full variety of options available to them, such as college, vocational programs, and apprenticeships. Providing students with education and training guidance helps them to make meaningful connections and advocate for themselves in their transition to life after high school.

Activities

Students should have access to a wide array of education and training opportunities. Schools, vocational rehabilitation counselors, and families can work together to expose students to pathways that align with their strengths, preferences, interests, and needs. To empower students in their education journey, a student's disability should not limit their opportunities. Below are examples of topics and activities that team members can help students learn about and practice.

School

- Host College Fairs
- Provide College Spirit days/weeks
- Offer Career and Technical (CTE) program information sessions
- Conduct PSAT and SAT workshops
- Host ASVAB testing and military recruiters

Pre-ETS Providers

- Help students learn about the differences between high school and college
- Guide students in learning the differences between college and trade/certificate programs
- Teach students how to access accommodations in trade programs and college
- Offer a college 101 session

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors

- Encourage students and families to explore a variety of post-secondary options
- Link students with education opportunities that correlate to their strengths, preferences, interests, and needs
- Partner with schools to sponsor education and training information sessions

Families

- Tour college and vocational program campuses
- Explore scholarship and funding opportunities
- Complete applications and FAFSA

Conclusion

Pre-Employment Transition Services provide an opportunity for students to receive early access to instruction on job exploration counseling, workplace readiness skills, postsecondary education counseling, work-based learning, and instruction in self-advocacy. In the area of Counseling on Education and Training, these activities provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to make decisions about the next steps in their academic and career journeys. Coordinated services across home, school, and community settings allow students to build skills that they can generalize across environments as they prepare for life after high school.

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