

## **Pre-Employment Transition Services**

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) amended the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and requires Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agencies to set aside federal funds for the provision of Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) to "students with disabilities who are eligible or potentially eligible for VR services." This is a great opportunity to ensure students have access to meaningful career planning in order to help with the seamless movement from high school to employment or post-secondary training.

What are Pre-Employment Transition Services?

The five core services of Pre-ETS are listed, along with examples of those services (Pre-ETS is not limited to the examples listed):

- 1 Job exploration counseling
  - Discussion of students' vocational interests
  - Review of local labor market and in-demand industries and occupations
  - Non-traditional employment options
  - Identification of career pathways of interest to the students
- 2 Work-based learning experiences
  - Apprenticeships and job shadowing
  - Paid and non-paid internships and/or work experiences
  - Informational interviews
  - Volunteering
- 3 Counseling on postsecondary opportunities
  - Gaining awareness of career pathways
  - Promoting participation in postsecondary education
  - Attending college fairs and tours
  - Accessing services and supports from agencies that assist peoples with disabilities
- 4 Workplace readiness training
  - Receive training on communication, problem solving, and other specific social and interpersonal skills as well as independent living skills.
- 5 Instruction in self-advocacy
  - Training on self-awareness, disclosure of disability, and knowing individual rights and responsibilities.

Who is a "Student with a Disability"?

A student with a disability is an individual with a disability in a secondary, postsecondary, or other recognized education program who:

- is between the ages of 14 and 22 years old
- is eligible for, and receiving, special education or related services under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IEP, 504 plan)



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Currently, there are 12 Pre-ETS contractors. For more information regarding Pre-ETS in your area, please contact:

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**Hands in Autism:** Statewide: Services available to those who qualify.

Contact: [hands@iupui.edu](mailto:hands@iupui.edu)

**IN\*SOURCE:** Statewide: Short term, time limited activities available.

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