

Pre-Employment Transition Services Jobs and Career Knowledge (JACK) Course Outline

Overview

This course will prepare and ensure individuals fully understand and can demonstrate the key skills taught through the Advocates for Access J.A.C.K. Course curriculum.

Training Format

This will include hands-on activities, in-class homework, and community interactions with employers and college campuses.

Curriculum Objectives as it relates to Pre-Employment Transition Services

1. Preparing the individual with social and interpersonal skills.
2. Managing the individual's demands of daily life.
3. Shaping the individual's self-confidence.
4. Inspiring the individual's critical thinking skills.
5. Fostering the individual's independence.
6. Helping the individual communicate and advocate more efficiently.

Course Study

I. Job Exploration

Preferred characteristics of job, atmosphere of company, endurance & physical capabilities, employment options, in-demand occupations, career interests and abilities

II. Workplace readiness training

Soft-skills training, social interactions, handling criticism/ stress, personal care, time awareness, independent work rate, attention to task, initiative/motivation, adapting to change, reinforcement needs, accessing transportation

III. Self-Advocacy Instruction

Communication mode & function, appropriate social interaction, disability discrimination, reasonable accommodations, SSI and working, community participation, learning style

IV. Post-secondary education counseling

Identifying academic and occupational training, career choice curriculum, enrollment, accommodation issues, enforcement options, best practices for students with disabilities

V. Work-based learning experiences

Job shadowing and mentoring, work-site tours, on the job experiences and trainings, volunteer, internships, apprenticeships, short and long-term employment