

Pre-Employment Transition Services

The NM Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) works together with students, families, schools, community agencies, and organizations to provide services that promote successful transitions from school to work and into adult life.

What are Pre-Employment Transition Services?

Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) offer students with disabilities an early start at career exploration and preparation for adult life.

Beginning at age 14, students with disabilities can connect with VR for Pre-ETS. VR works with students, their families, their schools, and community partners to enrich transition planning and support students with gaining knowledge and experiences necessary so they may make informed decisions about their future.

Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA), every student (ages 14-21) with a disability can participate in Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS). This includes:



Job Exploration Counseling

Support for the student to learn about a variety of career options to make informed choices about current and future employment.



Workplace Readiness Training

Development of transferable work skills which may include resume writing, interview skills, and professionalism.



Work-based Learning Experiences

Provide opportunities for the student to gain hands-on experience to identify strengths and interests and develop skills for employment.



Post-secondary Education

Counseling and guidance about options upon exiting high school which may include academic or vocational programs.



Self-Advocacy

Provide information, guidance, and experiences for the student to gain self-knowledge and skills to appropriately express needs and options.

Who Can Participate in Pre-Employment Transition Services? Students with disabilities ages 14-21 who are currently enrolled in school.

How Does a Student Access Pre-Employment Transition Services? Students can contact their Transition Counselor and sign a consent form.

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