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**Post-secondary Options Counseling**

**ACCES-VR 121X**

2025-2028  
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1. **General Information:**

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Hours: TBD

1. **Description of Service:**

Post Secondary options counseling will assist students with career exploration and planning. It will enable them to see how skill development, knowledge and credential attainment relate to future opportunities in postsecondary education and employment. This service will help participants gain an awareness of the wide range of career pathway options and labor market realities and projections.

1. **Training Objectives:**

* Participants will learn that choosing a career requires exploration and planning.
* Participants will learn about the differences between postsecondary education and employment.
* Participants will see how skill development knowledge and credential attainment relate to future opportunities.
* Participants will gain an awareness of the wide range of career pathway options.

1. **Training Topics**

* Research and explore information on course offerings, career options, types of academic, vocational, and occupational training needed to succeed in the workplace and the postsecondary opportunities associated with a career field or comprehensive transition pathway.
* Advise SWDs and family members on academic curricula, college/vocational training applications and admissions processes, and completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
* Connect to the disability support services that would be available through other state agencies such as OPWDD or OMH.
* Attend CSE meeting with ACCES-VR approval.
* Discuss the differences in accessing disability services between the special education and postsecondary education setting.
* Learn about requesting accommodations for college entrance exams;
* Tour university and community college campuses and talk to Disability Services on each campus.
* Identify technology needs
* Attend college fairs
* Plan a visit to local Job Corps campus.
* Support a seamless transition from high school to post-secondary education.

**The postsecondary options to be explored include:**

* Community Colleges (AA/AS degrees, certificate programs and classes) • Universities (Public and Private)
  + Training programs related to career pathways.
  + Trade/Technical Schools
  + Military
  + Postsecondary programs at community colleges and universities for students with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities
  + Apprenticeships

1. **Service Completion:**

Participants have demonstrated increased understanding and competency in career exploration and planning, understand the relationship between skill development and future opportunities and are aware of the wide range of career pathway options. Vendor will prepare and submit an ACCES-VR Post Secondary Counseling Options Report to ACCES-VR within 10 business days of completion of the service.