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TURNING POINT

VOCATIONAL
PROGRAM OVERVIEW



**We empower students to
achieve vocational goals
and attain competitive
employment.**



Semester 1

Coursework:

Career I, Social Thinking

Person-centered planning, career interest inventories, career assessments, soft skill development, time management and organizational skills.

Work-Based Learning:

75 hours of on campus internship experiences, career coaching, situational assessments, task analysis, participation in a service learning project.

Semester 2

Coursework:

Career II, IST-123 Success 101

Professional communication, industry cluster information sessions, benefits counseling, strategies for personal development and goal setting.

Work-Based Learning:

75 hours of on campus internship experiences, career coaching, situational assessments, task analysis, participation in a service learning project.

Semester 3

Coursework:

Career III, Career Pathway Course (see below)

Resume & cover letter writing workshop, formal interview training, workplace safety training, disclosure and accommodations seminar.

Work-Based Learning:

Workplace tours, preparation for off campus internship including mock interviews and travel training.

Semester 4

Coursework:

Career IV

Internship self-assessments, job seeking and the application process, advocating in the workplace, connecting to natural supports, portfolio development.

Work-Based Learning:

120 hour off campus supported internship, travel training, supervisor evaluations, transition to employment, linkages to support agencies.

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ABOUT











The program's goal is to provide an inclusive postsecondary experience that promotes skill development and leads to competitive employment. The program utilizes person-centered planning, curriculum modules and work-based learning designed to assist students in job exploration and foster career awareness. Students work closely with peer mentors, academic counselors, and career mentors to develop workplace readiness skills, as well as skills for self advocacy and self determination. Vocational plans for each student are customized to meet individual needs, interests and abilities.

ADDITIONAL CAREER SERVICES

Throughout the 4-semesters, students are job sampling in on campus and community based internships. We have two employment specialists on staff and additional job coaches contracted for internships. Career mentorship, benefits counseling, support from peer mentors, participation in campus clubs and team oriented service learning projects enhance the vocational experience.

OUTCOMES

Data shows that youth with intellectual disabilities who attend an inclusive postsecondary program report higher rates of employment and wages than those who do not. Our current employment rate for graduates consistently exceeds the national average for people with intellectual disabilities.

Office Tech Electronic Records Mgmt.	Hospitality	Dietary Aide	Child Development Associate	Certified Logistics & Manufacturing
Covers concepts and technology associated with managing electronic records, document management and technology fundamentals for the office support professional.	Explores industry fundamentals, customer focus, selling, communication with focus on various roles in the hospitality sector including safe food handling, serving and front desk reception.	Provides knowledge of the health professional environment, safe food handling, principles of nutrition and customer care to prepare for jobs as nutrition assistants and dietary aides.	15-lesson modules required by the CDA Council for CDA certification that will prepare an individual for caring and monitoring children ages infant to five years old.	Provides foundational knowledge of supply chain logistics and covers Good Manufacturing Practices to prepare for jobs in material handling and production. Includes OSHA 10 Hour course.
 	 	 	 	 

The **Career Pathway Credentialing Courses** are open enrollment available through the Division of Continuing Education, and are required coursework for students in year two of the Turning Point Program. They were developed to explore foundational knowledge in career areas while providing students with the opportunity to earn credentials from NJ's industry-valued list.