Employment Services for Students

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DWD
Department of Workforce Development
Vocational Rehabilitation

The Department of Workforce Development (DWD), Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) offers individualized services to eligible people with disabilities who want to work. The program also provides training and technical assistance to employers regarding disability employment issues.

DVR Helps Students Build Their Careers!

Job Exploration Counseling
Explore careers and discover interests.

Work-Based Learning Experiences
Gain hands-on experience and build skills for the workplace.

Post-Secondary and Higher Education Exploration
Plan for college or training and reach academic goals.

Self-Advocacy Instruction
Build self-knowledge and learn to express your needs and opinions.

Work Readiness Training
Develop skills to prepare for work in the community.

Employment Services for Students - also known as Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) - are administered by DVR, and provided to students with disabilities who are 21 years of age and younger, and in high school or post secondary training programs. Pre-ETS are available to potentially eligible students, applicants for DVR services, and eligible students with an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE).

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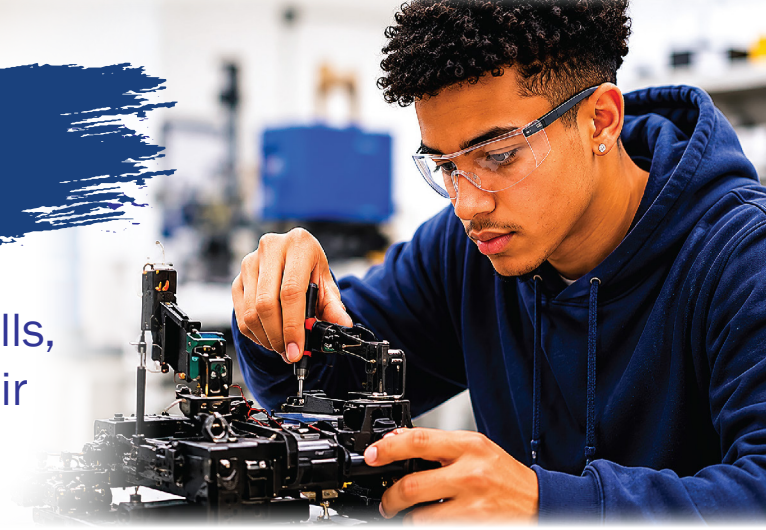
Our Goal



Empower students with the tools, skills, and experiences needed achieve their goals and succeed in their careers!

In the event DVR has a waitlist:

- Students who began receiving employment services (Pre-ETS) before their eligibility was determined can continue receiving those services.
- Job coaching (systemic instruction), transportation, and personal assistance cannot be provided. These services require the student to have an approved IPE in place.
- Students with an approved (IPE) will continue to receive services and are not affected by the waitlist.

Job Exploration Counseling

Work-Based Learning Experiences

Post-Secondary and Higher Education Exploration

Self-Advocacy Instruction

Work Readiness Training

Let's build the future together!

https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/

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Federal Funding Disclosure (Stevens Amendment)

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