



2020 Minnesota Rehabilitation Association Virtual Pre-ETS Training

Join MRA as we kick off our 2020 Virtual Conference:

History in the Making – Honoring our Past, Embracing the Future!

The Minnesota Rehabilitation Association invites you to participate in our 2020 Pre-Employment Transition Services training series. Sessions will begin Monday, October 19th and run through Friday, October 23rd. Each day, attendees will be presented with information from one of the five service categories. Sessions will run daily from 1 – 2 pm (CST) and be delivered on the Zoom platform. We will also have daily lunch and learns with some of the MRA Divisions plus a Social Hour and Annual Awards/Recognition Event. See below for all the details!

Pre-Employment Transition Services Training Series: Monday, October 19: Instruction in Self-Advocacy

Making My Way: Self-Determination in Pre-ETS Planning

Self-Determination is essential to the design and implementation of any Pre-Employment Training Service (Pre-ETS) program. While every other aspect is important, the capacity to make informed choices is what will fuel the long-term success of students with disabilities. This session will explore a variety of strategies for supporting youth as they develop a self-determination skill set, including: student involvement in the IEP and IPE processes, resources to facilitate parent involvement, and utilizing Work-based Learning as a tool for developing these skills.

Presenter: Mary Di Biase, Training Associate, Institute of Community Inclusion

Tuesday, October 20: Work-Based Learning Experiences

Work-Based Learning Experiences 3 Prong Partnership

In this training we will share with you how we have formed a partnership between: Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Community Rehabilitation Provider, and Milaca Public Schools to

execute work experience services for students. How we developed and now execute this partnership and our processes will be explained. Part of the presentation will consist of a panel format for questions and answers, to learn more about how each professional provides their services.

Presenters: Annette Sobek, VR Counselor, VRS State of MN; Cristy Thomas, Placement Specialist, Productive Alternatives; Sarah Marte, Work Coordinator, Milaca Public Schools

Wednesday, October 21: Counseling on Post-Secondary Education

Tips for Providing Pre-ETS Postsecondary Education Counseling Services

This session will review activities and best practices for engaging students in exploring and preparing for postsecondary education and training. A VRS Pre-ETS Representative and college disability services director will provide insights in providing this Pre-ETS service.

Presenters: Ryan Lais, Pre-ETS Representative, VRS State of MN; Randi Goettl, Director of Accessibility Resources, Inver Hills Community College; Alyssa Klein, Transition and Pre-ETS Specialist, VRS State of MN

Thursday, October 22: Workplace Readiness Training

Engaging Students in Work Readiness Topics Virtually

Focus in on work readiness specifics that can best be presented in terms of importance and for the purpose of discovery and exploration. In addition, engagement strategies ranging from instructor style to creative and updated lesson plan building will be offered.

Presenter: Allen Mavis, Pre-ETS Instructor, Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota

Friday, October 23: Job Exploration Counseling

Pre-ETS Curriculum Overview

This presentation will give tips from a work-based learning coordinator on providing job exploration counseling services to students with disabilities. Top curricula will be shared along with how you can deliver it in virtual or in-person environments.

Presenter: Shannon Schubert, Work Coordinator, St. Paul Public Schools

CEU'S:

We will offer 5 CEU's for the Pre-Employment Transition Services training series.

Cost of Attending:

MN VRS Staff, VRS Contracted Community Partners and Educators
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Free

Other Attendees

\$75.00

The cost includes the training series, daily lunch and learn and social hour and annual awards/recognition event. Once you register for the Training Series, you will receive the links for all three.

Should you miss a training series day(s), you will be able to view it for up to six months.

Daily Lunch and Learn 12:00 – 12:45:

Join MRA Divisions over the lunch hour to learn about missions and practices of each. Led by Division President and members, this is a great time to network and get a bite-sized-learning opportunity in!

- Monday, Oct 19: Transition Specialties Division
- Tuesday, Oct 20: Job Placement and Development Division
- Wednesday, Oct 21: Minnesota Rehabilitation Counselors and Education Association
- Thursday, Oct 22: Minnesota Association of Service Providers in Private Rehabilitation

Social Hour and Annual Awards/Recognition Event:

Thursday, October 22 from 4:00pm – 5:30pm. You will have a chance to socialize with attendees and of course MRA would not be the same without the annual awards/recognition.

To Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-minnesota-rehabilitation-association-virtual-pre-ets-training-tickets-121563942023>

You will be sent a link for each event upon registration.