

## THE ORIGIN OF PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES

With the implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) is making new opportunities available for students with disabilities.

The services required by WIOA are those that would “be most beneficial to an individual in the early stages of employment exploration.” These services are designed to provide job exploration and other services in the early stages of a student’s transition process.

The Bollinger Campus works in partnership with OVR to provide Pre-Employment Transition Services that benefit students, local businesses and the community as a whole.



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## PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES FOR YOUTH

Barber National Institute, Bollinger Campus is an approved Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) provider for Pre-Employment Transition Services for Youth Ages 14-21.

Working with local school districts and local businesses, Barber National Institute provides group services in the classroom and individual services in the community through Paid Work Experiences.



## GROUP SERVICES

Students are referred for group services through their school district. Group services target students between the ages of 14-21 with a disability who have an IEP or 504 Plan. The student is not required to be enrolled in OVR services.

## PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES CLASSES

Classes are held during the school day and are taught by a Barber National Institute instructor. Class curriculum is determined by the school and OVR and can include Independent Living, Self-Advocacy and Workplace Readiness Skills. Students are provided with the skills and experiences needed to plan for their future employment.



## INDIVIDUAL SERVICES

Students who want to participate in individual services may apply through OVR prior to their junior year in high school. When approved for services, a student works with an OVR counselor to choose a provider.

## PAID WORK EXPERIENCE (PWE)

Students may take part in a Paid Work Experience (PWE) that is an employment opportunity averaging 40 hours of work experience with payment at \$10.35 per hour. Barber National Institute provides on-site supervision to assist with learning job tasks, workplace safety and establishing natural supports. Students also receive five hours of development time to help with resumes, cover letters, job applications and interviews.

## BENEFIT TO SCHOOLS AND EMPLOYERS

Both group and individual services are 100% funded through OVR. Barber National Institute provides a staff person to supervise and, as appropriate, work alongside the student. Students are paid through Barber National Institute.



## REFERRAL INFORMATION

Individuals who want to receive group or individual Pre-Employment Transition Services through Barber National Institute, Bollinger Campus, must be referred through the student's school district or the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

