

Thinking about work? Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) can help!

Who Gets Pre-ETS?

Students with disabilities ages 14-22 enrolled in a recognized education program.

Must have documentation of a disability.

Students don't have to be a Vocational Rehabilitation client.

Services are provided by the [Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services \(DARS\)](#)

Talk to the IEP team or call your [local DARS office](#) to ask for Pre-ETS.

What are the Five Pre-ETS Services?

[Job Exploration Counseling](#)

[Work-Based Learning Experiences](#)

[Counseling on Education & Training Opportunities](#)

[Workplace Readiness Training](#)

[Instruction in Self-Advocacy](#)

Why Get Pre-Ets?

Supports transition planning during high school/college.

Connects students with community providers and employers.

Helps with problem-solving and decision-making skills.

Teaches social and independent living skills.

Helps students decide what they are good at, where they need help, and what they would like to do after high school.

Examples of Pre-ETS Activities

Learn about and explore different jobs on job sites.

Go on campus tours.

Learn skills that help students get and keep a job.

Learn about employer expectations.

Learn about financial aid.

Learn how to ask for accommodations.

Identify career pathways.

Go on interviews.



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Are Pre-ETS and VR the Same?

Pre-ETS is the first step in the continuum of DARS transition services. Pre-ETS activities are exploratory; VR services are more focused.

Pre-ETS and VR can be received at the same time. VR services can support eligible students while they receive Pre-ETS.

Pre-ETS services are provided in coordination with school based services.

What is Different Between Pre-ETS and VR

Individuals must apply and be found eligible for VR services. A VR application is not required for Pre-ETS.

Pre-ETS focuses on finding out and exploring employment interests.

VR Services prepare the person to reach a specific job goal.

VR Transition Services

DARS provides specialized transition services to students through the [Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center \(WWRC\)](#)

- ✓ [WWRC - PERT Program](#)
- ✓ [Vocational Training Services](#)
- ✓ [Driving Services](#)
- ✓ [Vocational Evaluation](#)
- ✓ [Health and Technology Services](#)

Examples of other VR Services

- Development of the Individualized Plan for Employment
- Situational assessments
- Assistive technology
- Vocational evaluation
- Vocational training
- Supported employment
- Postsecondary Education
- Job placement
- On-the-job training
- Job Development



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