

WORK BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCE

The WBLE program is a structured work study transition service that utilizes community-based transition instruction for neurodiverse 18-22 year old students who have met graduate requirements and elect to defer their standard diploma using the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) process. This is our newest training class, where students who are interested in finding employment but have not yet held a job are exposed to a variety of short term non-paid internships. These internships occur within the school day and begin within the departments on the college campus. During this time assessments are made on the student's level of independence and personal interests. With the cooperation of area businesses, students move off campus and are exposed to the real-world tasks that would be expected at that employment site. This experience provides students with valued skills that they can add to their resume and helps smooth the transition from the high school academic setting to the world of work.

Our mission is to assist recent high school graduates to gain a clear understanding of their own needs, gain confidence, and recognize their abilities to create a personal plan for employment and/or additional training.

Areas of Study:

- Practice applying for jobs using appropriate communications and followup. Learn how to contact employers, compose a resume, complete job applications, and participate in interviews
- Evaluating own knowledge and skills
- Fulfilling job responsibilities
- Maintaining positive interactions/ relationships on the job

Student Profile:

- ESE Student 18-21 Years of Age Deferred Standard Diploma with a current IEP (Individualized Education Plan)
- Expressed Interest in Employment/Training
- Demonstrates Employability Skills

Services Include:

- Career Interest Assessment
- Employment Skills Assessment
- Career Counseling and Guidance
- Resume Development
- Travel Training
- On-the-Job Assistance
- Budgeting Skills
- Independent Living Skills Instruction
- Making decisions and problem solving on the job
- Making plans for personal and career goals
- Self-advocating on the job
- Staying motivated on the job
- Using public transportation to independently move about the community



Ask your ESE Specialist for an Application. After your application has been received by Atlantic Technical College and Technical High School, you will be contacted and scheduled for a visit to discuss your interest in WBLE.

There is no fee for the Work Based Learning Experience program.

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