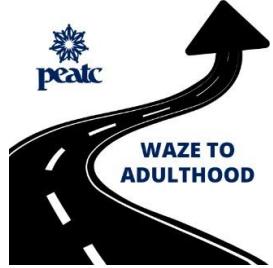


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Do You Know....



Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) Fact Sheet for Tennessee's Parents

What are Pre-Employment Transition Services or Pre-ETS?

Pre-Employment Transition Services, also called **Pre-ETS** is a program provided to students with disabilities ages 14 to 22 by **Tennessee's Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program**. VR works with the students, their families, their schools, and community partners to help students gain knowledge and experiences so that they can make choices about their future, including their future careers. Ask your child's IEP team about Pre-ETS and request that a member of VR attend their Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan meeting.

What are the 5 topics Pre-ETS Covers for Students?

Job Exploration & Counseling

Explore careers of interest and motivate the student to be interested in working

Work-based Learning Experiences

Gain knowledge and skills in a workplace that may help lead to a career

Counseling on Educational & Training Options

Learn about education and training options/resources after high school

Workplace Readiness Training

Prepare for adult life by developing social and independent living skills

Self-Advocacy Instruction

Learn how to communicate wants and needs to direct their own lives

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Pre-ETS is the first set of services** a student might receive from VR.
- A student may also decide to apply for **vocational rehabilitation services** (VR) with Tennessee's VR Program to receive more services than Pre-ETS provides.
- **Pre-ETS are free services** no matter your financial situation.



Contact your PTI
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How Does Pre-ETS Work?

Pre-ETS is provided to students based on their needs and is for **students (ages 14 up to 22) with disabilities** in a recognized education program. The disability can be documented on an Individualized Education Program (IEP), a 504 plan, or by a medical provider.

Pre-ETS can be requested by the parent/guardian, student, school, or other service providers.

A student **does NOT** have to be receiving vocational rehabilitation services from Tennessee's VR Program to receive Pre-ETS, but the student can apply for those services through Tennessee's VR Program at any time.

When does Pre-ETS end?

Pre-ETS ends for a student when:

- The student does not need Pre-ETS anymore
- The student is not interested in or available to receive Pre-ETS
- The student exits or disenrolls from school

Your regional VR office can be found here:

<https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/humanservices/ds/office-locator-trc-ttap.html>

You can reach Tennessee's VR Program at 833-751-0597



Examples of Pre-ETS Services:

- Interest Inventories
- Tours of different workplaces
- Job shadowing
- Financial Literacy
- Learn leadership skills
- Volunteering
- Learn about college/university and trades
- Mock Interviews
- Learning Rights and Responsibilities



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