



ODP Announcement

College of Employment Services Webinar: *(ACRE) Basic Employment Certification Overview* August 28, 2018

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The mission of the Office of Developmental Programs is to support Pennsylvanians with developmental disabilities to achieve greater independence, choice and opportunity in their lives.

AUDIENCE: All interested parties and providers of the following employment services under the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) Intellectual Disability and/or Autism (ID/A) waivers, including the Consolidated, Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS), and Community Living Waivers; as well as Base-Funded services:

- Supported Employment – Support Service Professionals under the AWC FMS and VF/EA FMS Models; Individual Providers, and Agency Staff
- Small Group Employment – Agency Staff
- Community Participation Support – Prevocational Services Component – Program Specialists and Supervisors of Direct Support Professionals

PURPOSE: This is to announce the availability of a webinar through the College of Employment Services (CES) to provide information and answer frequently asked questions.

DISCUSSION: With the signature of Governor Tom Wolf, Pennsylvania is now an Employment First State by law effective June 19, 2018. Competitive-integrated employment is now the first consideration and preferred outcome of all publicly-funded education, employment, and training, and long-term supports and service programs for working-age Pennsylvanians with a disability. Both the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) and Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) support this objective. In April of 2018 they jointly made available the College of Employment Services (CES) Association of Community Rehabilitation Educations (ACRE) Basic Employment Certification Course to support the attainment of the ACRE Basic Certificate of Achievement. Please refer to [ODP ANN 041-18 College of Employment Services](#) for more information.

This CES ACRE course consists of two parts, 11 self-directed online modules and a CES ACRE Supplement. The supplement portion of the curriculum consists of 4 instructor-led webinars, discussion forums, case studies, and field assignments that are reviewed and approved by an instructor from the Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI). **To obtain the complete ACRE Basic Certificate of Achievement, participants must complete both Part 1 and Part 2 of the CES Certified Training.** There is a discounted cost to complete the supplement portion at \$170.00 until December 31, 2018. Effective January 1, 2019 this cost will increase to \$225.00 per learner. Please refer to [ODP ANN 046-18 College of Employment Services ACRE Supplement Update](#) for more information.

To answer questions from learners and provide clearer information about this useful resource for employment, a webinar titled *ACRE Basic Employment Certification Course Certification Overview* is being conducted.

Topic: ACRE Basic Employment Certification Course Certification Overview

August 28, 2018

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM (Eastern Time)

Presenters:

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To Register Please Visit:

[College of Employment Services Registration](#)

Event number: 742 900 315

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INQUIRIES

If you have any questions regarding this Announcement, please email RA-PWODP_OUTREACH@pa.gov

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