

Collaborative Activity Planning Using the Pre-ETS Sequencing Guide



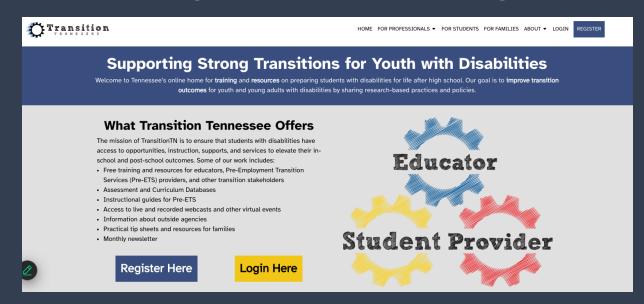
Who is Transition Tennessee?



A grant-funded project that provides training and resources for:

- Educators
- Pre-Employment Transition
 Services Providers
- Students
- Parents and Guardians

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Agenda





- Overview of the Pre-ETS Sequencing Guide
- **Strategies for Planning Pre-ETS**
- Collaborative Activity Planning
- Mock Planning Session

Objectives





Identify planning strategies to create goal-oriented activities



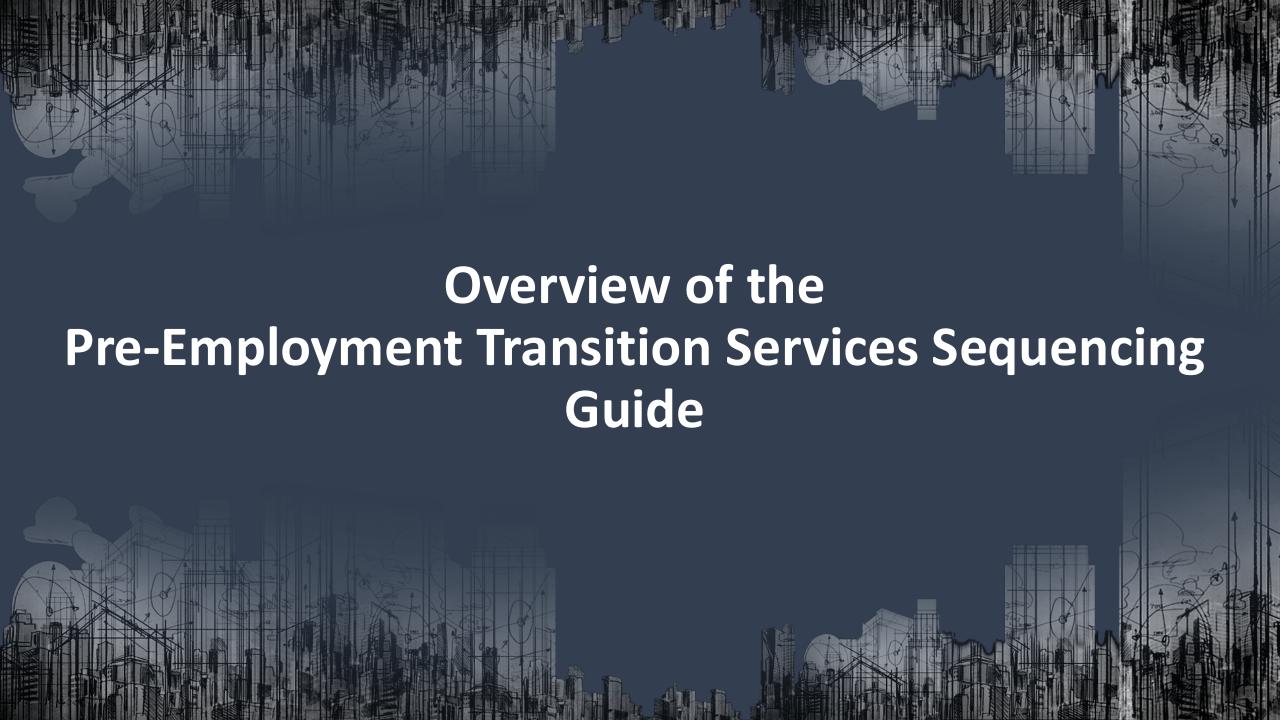
Determine how to use the Pre-ETS Sequencing Guide to make activity planning easier



Identify how the Pre-ETS Sequencing Guide can make activities more impactful for students



Develop a unit plan using the Pre-ETS Sequencing Guide



Pre-ETS Sequencing Guide



- Targets instruction based on students' needs rather than age or grade level
- Provides a structured learning plan
- Lists skills in a logical order
- Skills build on one another
- Provides a tool to track students' progress and proficiency





Pre-Employment Transition Services
Sequencing Guide

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Structure of the Guide



Pre-Employment Transition Service

Competency Categories

Skill Topics

Skill Building Activities

How to Find the Guide



Transition Tennessee		FOR PROFESSIO	ONALS ▼ FOR STUDENTS FOR FAMILIES ABOUT ▼
EDUCATOR COURSES GUIDING PRINCIPLES AGE-APPROPRIATE TRANSITION ASSESSMENT ADDRESSING TRANSITION IN THE IEP PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION PATHWAYS TO COMMUNITY LIFE PATHWAYS TO SELF-DETERMINATION	PROVIDER COURSES GUIDES FOR PRE-ETS POWER OF EARLY WORK EXPERIENCES OVERVIEW OF WIOA AND PRE-ETS CONNECTING WITH FAMILIES AN EMPLOYERS DEVELOPING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTION POSTSECONDARY TRANSITION PLAN INSTRUCTION IN SELF-ADVOCACY WORK-BASED LEARNING	RESOURCE LIBRARY ASSESSMENT DATABASE CURRICULUM DATABASE PRE-ETS SEQUENCING GUIDE FAMILY RESOURCES COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS SUPPORTS & PARTNERSHIPS	TRAINING & SUPPORTS WEBCASTS CONFERENCES & ACADEMIES TRAININGS VIRTUAL TRANSITION FAIRS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
	JOB EXPLORATION COUNSELING POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COUNSELING WORKPLACE READINESS TRAINING		

https://transitiontn.org/pre-ets-sequencing-guides/

Instructional Practices



Scaffolding

Teaching process that systematically builds on the student's experience and knowledge



Task Analysis

Breaking down complex skills into steps that need to be mastered to demonstrate proficiency



Differentiation

Adjusting the way a lesson is taught to meet the needs of all students



Generalization

Teaching how to use skills across a variety of environment and activities







- Facilitates collaborative planning
- Assists with effective grouping of students
- Provides an option for students, teachers, providers, and families to track progress



Provider Feedback



"I use it to plan yearly activities"



Long-Term Planning

"I use it to collaborate with teachers"



Collaboration

"It has made it easier to track student skills and growth"



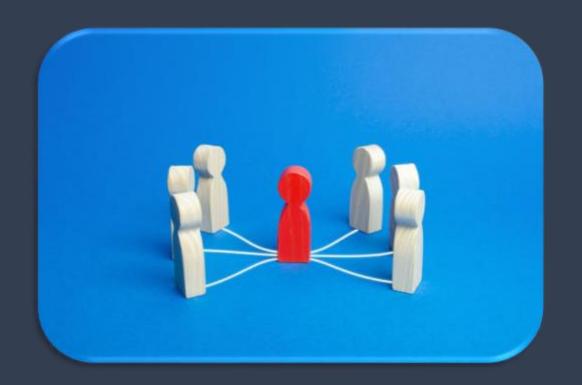






 A collaborative approach that centers on an individual's goals, preferences, and aspirations

 Helps create a plan that is tailored to an individual's personal vision for the future







Strategies for using a person-driven approach:

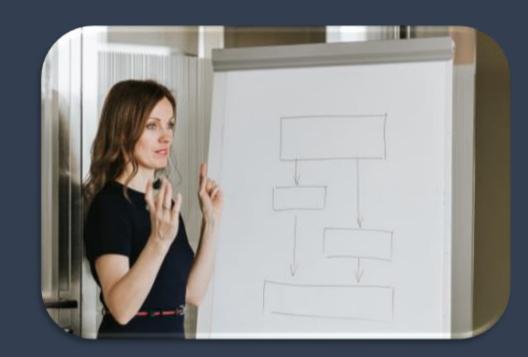
- Inform students of the purpose of activities
- Focus on student's unique goals and interests
- Keep the student in the driver's seat
- Facilitate collaboration with the student, other school staff, and family members
- Remain flexible and adapt to students' changing needs

Backwards Planning



 Start with an end goal, or desired outcomes, and work backward to plan services and activities

 Can help focus planning and service delivery



Backwards Planning





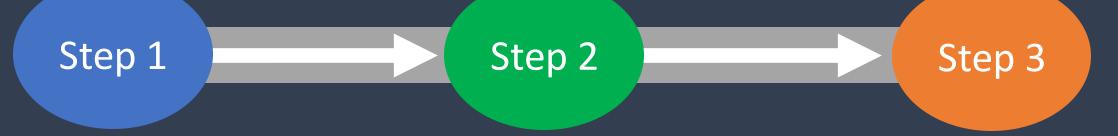
Identify the desired outcomes for students

Identify what students know and determine how they will show their learning

Design services and activities that help students achieve the desired outcome

Traditional Planning Method

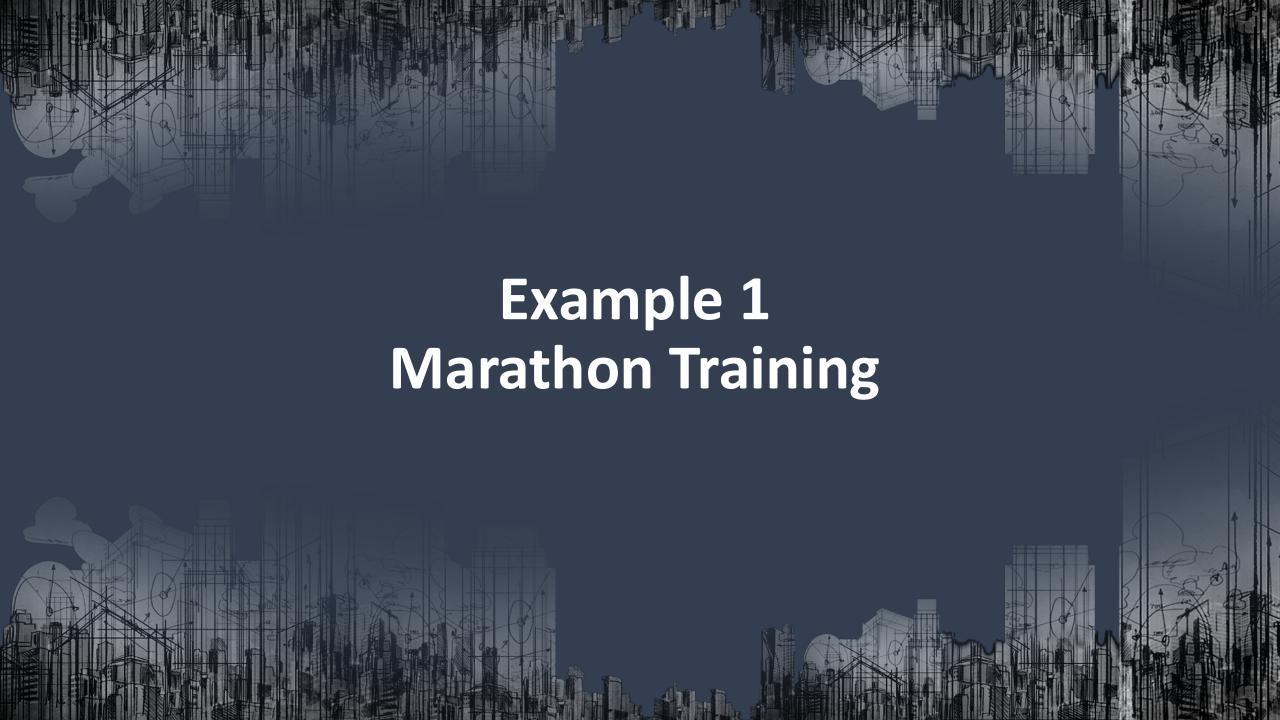




Choose a topic, skill, or focus area

Design activities around the topic

Review what students have learned



Running a Marathon Using Backwards Planning



End Goal

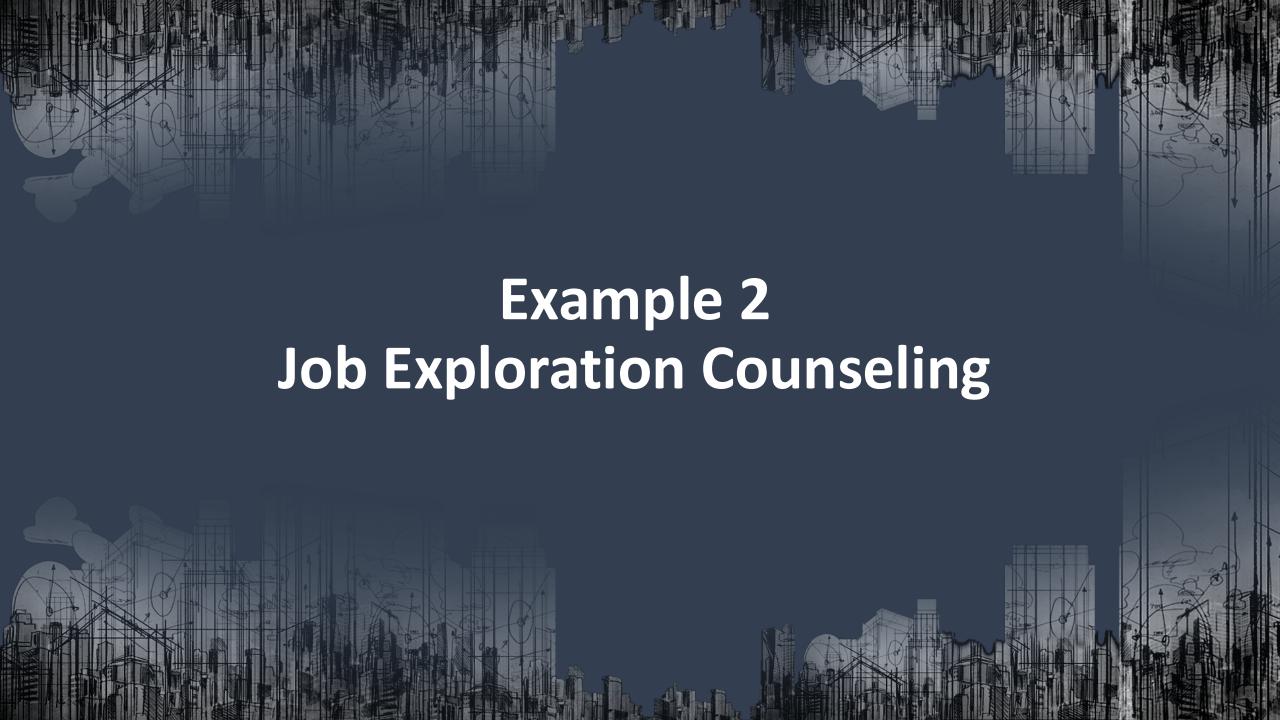
Complete a marathon within a target time and with consistent endurance

Evaluate

Identify your present running level and measure progress by tracking distances and pace

Activities

Follow a structured training plan focused on running, cross-training, and nutrition



Backwards Planning for Service Delivery



End Goal Evaluate Activities

Students will obtain general knowledge of career fields, career clusters, career pathways, and employment options

For Activity #1: Students will complete the worksheet with at least 80% accuracy

Research 16 career clusters and complete the <u>Career Fields</u>, <u>Clusters</u>, <u>Pathways</u>, <u>and Jobs</u> worksheet





- Long-Term Planning
- Unit Planning
- Activity Planning



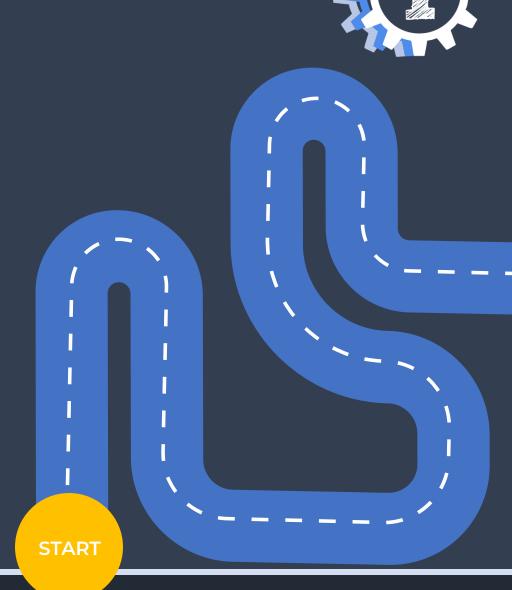






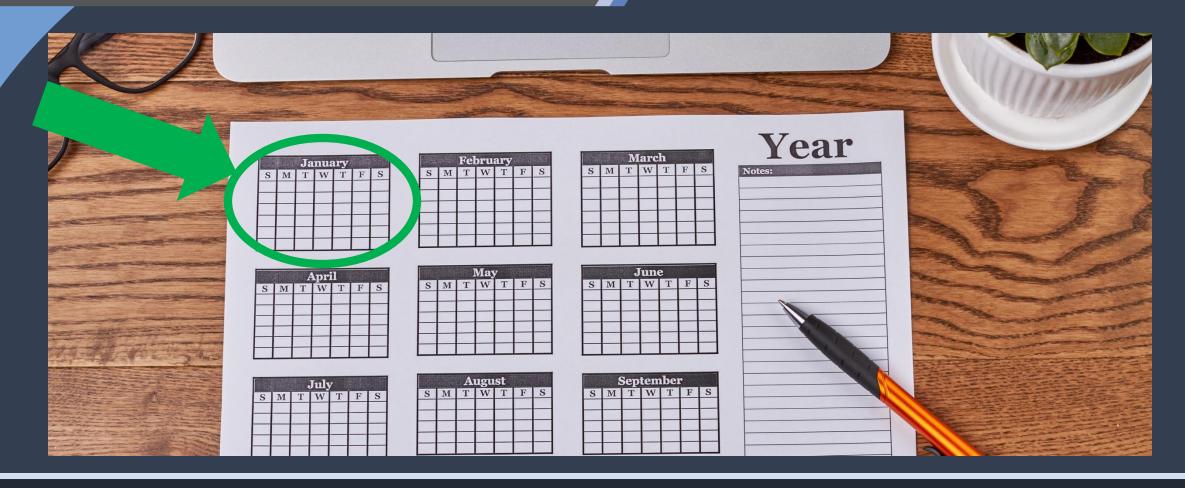
Long-Term Plan

- Big picture view or road map that guides services for a year, a semester, or a quarter
- When planning across longer periods of time, consider:
 - Alignment with students' goals
 - Topics of instruction
 - Order of instruction









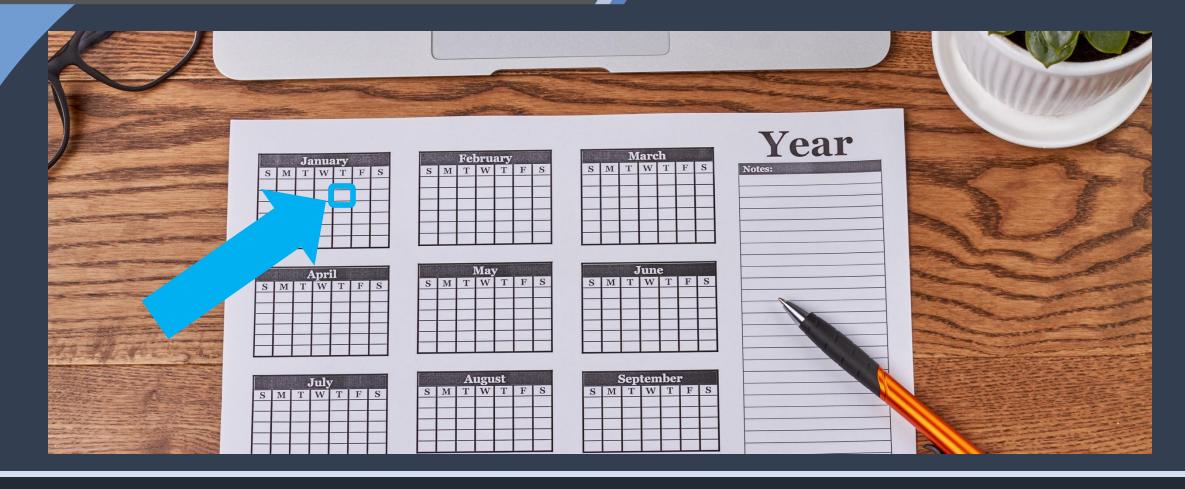
Unit Planning

- Narrow the main topics identified in long term plan
- Choose content and resources
- Determine how much time will be spent on each topic
- Identify how you will evaluate students









Activity Planning



- Objective
- Resources and materials
- Step-by-step plan
- Setting/environment
- Accommodations
- Evaluation and next steps

Skill Topic: Gathering information on postsecondary education and training options				
Priority for Student or Group: High Medium Low				
Skill Building Activities (The student can)	Student Progress (The student's progress is)			
1. Understand the difference between high school and college: a. Class schedule, homework, attendance, and grading b. Qualifying for accommodations c. Communication with teachers/professors d. Student responsibility e. Cost f. Social opportunities g. Accommodations vs. special education services	☐ Minimal ☐ Developing ☐ Satisfactory			
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Category: Individualized Planning



What is Collaboration?

The process of people working together to achieve a common goal

- 1 Understanding of the goals and barriers
 - 2 Identification of solutions to barriers
 - 3 Delegation of responsibilities
- 4 Meaningful communication

Benefits of Using the Guide to Plan Together



- Coordinate and inform meaningful transition services
- Maximize your time with students
- Complete activities in a logical order
- Avoid duplication of services
- Eliminate guesswork and save time







Coordinate with other teachers and providers

What is the best instructional approach for this activity?

Identify ways families can support learning

 How can these skills be practiced at home or in the community?

Make students aware of the "why"

• Can students explain how this activity will help them reach their goals?



Divide and Conquer



"Collaboration among agencies, parents, and students has been cited in research as a predictor of positive post-school outcomes including paid employment"



Example 1

PROVIDER

TEACHER

FAMILY

TEACHER

PROVIDER

Skill Building Activities (The student can)	Student Progress (The student's progress is)
Define assertiveness as a method of communication that allows individuals to: a. Communicate in a confident and respectful way b. Acknowledge and express both positive and challenging feelings c. Share opinions and information confidently d. Express needs and wants to others e. Advocate for personal rights f. Stand up for their point of view while also respecting the rights and beliefs of others	☐ Minimal ☐ Developing ☐ Satisfactory
Compare and contrast the use of passive, aggressive, and assertive communication in various situations a. Verbal b. Nonverbal	☐ Minimal ☐ Developing ☐ Satisfactory
Determine how they can improve their communication by reflecting on their past experiences with communicating their needs and wants	☐ Minimal ☐ Developing ☐ Satisfactory
4. Identify and demonstrate the steps to engaging in assertive communication: a. Know what they want prior to a conversation or meeting b. Develop and ask questions before reacting c. Consider the perspectives of others d. Assume there is a solution to disagreements e. Listen to ideas and opinions of others f. Understand that "no" is an acceptable response	☐ Minimal ☐ Developing ☐ Satisfactory
5. Participate in role-play scenarios to practice assertively sharing information and responding to others	☐ Minimal ☐ Developing ☐ Satisfactory

Example 2

TEACHER

TEACHER

STUDENT

PROVIDER

PROVIDER

Skill Building Activities (The student can)	Student Progress (The student's progress is)
Define assertiveness as a method of communication that allows individuals to: a. Communicate in a confident and respectful way b. Acknowledge and express both positive and challenging feelings c. Share opinions and information confidently d. Express needs and wants to others e. Advocate for personal rights f. Stand up for their point of view while also respecting the rights and beliefs of others	☐ Minimal ☐ Developing ☐ Satisfactory
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Identify Instructional Resources

- Curriculum
- Assessments
- Supporting Videos
- Community Connections
- Presentations
- Activity sheets/ Handouts







- Do I need professional development on this topic?
- What do we already have available?
- What can we share with each other?
- What is the most effective way to use these resources?
- What additional resources do we need?
- What can I share with caregivers to help them gain an understanding of the topic?

Co-Teaching Options











Long-Term

Year

Semester

Quarter

Unit

Month

Week

Summer

Activity

Day

Class

Group







Long-Term

CRP meets with the teacher every semester to map out skill topics for each month

TSW meets with the teacher **quarterly** to map out activity plans using IEP progress reports to inform planning

Unit

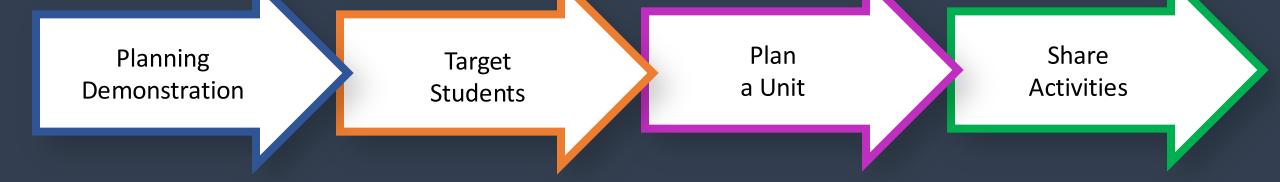
Provider takes the identified skill topics and examines the skill-building activities to create a monthly plan

Activity

Provider and teachers collaborate to identify which resources or materials will be used daily for each skill-building activity







Planning Demonstration



Long-Term Plan: 2nd Semester

Navigating the Sequencing Guide

See below for a list of the Pre-ETS and categories included for each service. If you are using an electronic version of the guide, navigate to each individual Pre-ETS section by clicking the section titles below. To easily navigate back to the beginning of each Pre-ETS section, click the section title located in the top left corner of each page.

Job Exploration Counseling

Career Awareness

Career Exploration

Individualized Career Planning and Preparation

Experience-Based Job Exploration

Counseling on Postsecondary Education Opportunities

Self-Awareness

Individualized Planning

Advocacy and Accessibility

Financial Literacy

Logistics

Instruction in Self-Advocacy

Self-Advocacy and Self-Determination

Self-Awareness

Knowledge of Rights and Responsibilities

Communication of Needs and Preferences

Leadership

Expanding Self-Advocacy

Workplace Readiness Training

Communication

Financial Literacy

Work Maturity

Advocacy and Accessibility

Job Seeking

Work-Based Learning Experiences

Self-Awareness

Career Awareness - Workplace Tours

Career Exploration - Job Shadowing

Career Exploration – Informational Interviews

Work Experience - Work-Based Learning

Job Skills

Additional Work-Based Learning Experiences

Long-Term Plan: 2nd Semester

	January	February	March	April	May
CPSE	Individualiz	ed Planning			
JEC			areer Planning & ration		
ISA		Communic	cation of Needs & Pi	r <mark>eferences</mark>	
WRT				Job Se	eeking
WBLE				_	n – Informational views

Pre-ETS → Category

Counseling on Postsecondary Education Opportunities

Self-Awareness

Individualized Planning

Advocacy and Accessibility

Financial Literacy

Logistics

Pre-ETS → Category → Skill Topic

Counseling on Postsecondary Education (PSE) Opportunities

Counseling on PSE opportunities ensures that students can explore the many opportunities available to them after high school. Counseling helps students match their personal needs with a PSE option that offers the supports, academic setting, and social experiences they desire. Additionally, counseling can ensure that students clearly understand that they have choices and options, just like their peers without disabilities. Some of the most common competency categories under the Counseling on PSE category are:

Self-Awareness

- Knowledge of jobs within career pathways that require postsecondary education or training
- Developing planning and goal setting skills as it relates to postsecondary education counseling
- Understanding how skill development and knowledge relate to future opportunities in postsecondary education and/or training settings

Individualized Planning

- Gathering information on postsecondary education and training options
- Narrowing postsecondary education options

Advocacy and Accessibility

- Understanding the difference between supports and accommodations in postsecondary education and high school
- Understanding rights and responsibilities in a postsecondary education setting as a student with a disability

• Financial Literacy

- Knowledge of the cost of attending postsecondary education or training options
- Understanding the process of applying for financial aid (Free Application for Federal Student Aid FAFSA), grants, scholarships, and loans

Logistics

- Understanding of admissions requirements
- Developing skills to complete a college application for admission

CPSE Skill Topic: Gather information on PSE and training options and begin to narrow options

January 2025

Skill Building Activity (SBA)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 No School	No School	3 No School
	6 No School	7 No School	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	No School	21	22	TCAT Tour	24
	27	28	29	30 College Tour	31

Category: Individualized Planning

Skill Topic: Gathering information on postsecondary education and training options

Priority for Student or Group: High Medium Low	
Skill Building Activities (The student can)	Student Progress (The student's progress is)
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4. Identify which postsecondary education/training programs align with their career aspirations: a. Degrees and certifications offered in various postsecondary settings	☐ Minimal ☐ Developing ☐ Satisfactory

CPSE Skill Topic: Gather information on PSE and training options and begin to narrow options

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COUNSELING ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Category: Individualized Planning

Skill Topic: Narrowing postsecondary education options

Priority for Student or Group: High Medium Low	
Skill Building Activities (The student can)	Student Progress (The student's progress is)
Discuss with parent/guardian or support network the PSE information and schools they want to tour	☐ Minimal ☐ Developing ☐ Satisfactory
 2. Set up campus tours and discuss each visit: a. Set up opportunities for students to talk with other students attending the schools of interest b. Meet with student disability services to determine types of accommodations available c. Reflect on what they observed and learned during the tour 	☐ Minimal ☐ Developing ☐ Satisfactory
Consider and compare college cost, programs offered, financial aid options, and other areas of interests	☐ Minimal ☐ Developing ☐ Satisfactory
4. Identify the major/area of concentration/certification or credential program they want to apply and enroll in: a. Determine which schools they will submit an admissions application for	☐ Minimal ☐ Developing ☐ Satisfactory

CPSE Skill Topic: Gather information on PSE and training options and begin to narrow down options

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Set up campus tours - meet with disability services offices and reflect on what was observed	No School	21	22	23 TCAT Tour	24
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- Video to introduce TCAT
- Video to introduce Chattanooga Community College
- TransitionTN Activities
 - Student Guide for Asking Questions During a College Tour
- TransitionTN Student Website
 - Lesson about Types of Postsecondary Education
- College evaluation worksheet

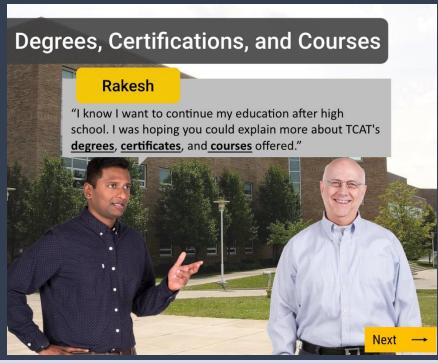
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Materials: <u>TransitionTN Student Lesson -</u> <u>Types of Postsecondary Education</u>	13	14	15 TTN Student Lesson School-Based Activity Cont'd	16	17 TTN Quick Activity & My Portfolio
Set up campus tours - meet with disability services offices and reflect on what was observed	20 No School	21	22 Develop Questions to Ask on Tour	23 TCAT Tour	24 Complete College Tour Eval Form
Materials: Student Guide for asking questions (one for each tour), TCAT Intro Video, , Chattanooga State Intro Video, TCAT/College Evaluation Form (one for each tour)	27	28	29 Develop Questions to Ask on Tour	30 College Tour	31 Complete College Tour Eval Form

Activity Example January 8th

- Why is it important to research the credentials offered by postsecondary education programs?
- What are important factors to consider when choosing a college or training program?
- What actions can you take to explore the college or training options that interest you?





Example Unit Plan 1 session per week



January	2025
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Group	Group Sample High School- 3rd Period John, Sandra, Juaquin, Joseph, Marie, Ashley, Kyla								
Schedule	Wednesdays 10:15-11:15 (60 min 1x week)								
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4					
Pre-ETS	Counseling on Postsecondary Education Opportunities								
Skill Topic	Knowledge of jobs within career pathways that require postsecondary education or training								
Skill-Building Activity	Discuss and explain their personal motivation to continue their education after high school	Identify and explore the wide variety of postsecondary education options	Discuss how their career interests align with postsecondary education options Examples: Create a list of jobs or career clusters that they are interested in exploring	Discuss and explain the skills necessary to successfully transition to a postsecondary education or training program Examples: Academic skills, Advocacy skills, Soft skills, Independent living skills, Social skills					
Activity Materials	Youtube Video: Why College? Watch video and then have students complete the Explore Work My Journal Activity and discuss https://explore-work.com/my-journal-education-options -self-reflection-activity-start/	TTN Fact Sheet https://transitiontn.org/student/wp-content/uploa ds/2021/03/PSE_Types-of-PSE_Fact-Sheet.pdf TTN Role-Play Scenario: Types of PSE https://transitiontn.org/student/school/exploring/ types-of-postsecondary-education/	Career Clusters Interest Inventory https://scholarmatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/ Career-Interest-Survey.pdf Select three career videos to watch from #1 and rank them most interested to least intersted https://www.careeronestop.org/Videos/CareerVideos/career-videos.aspx	Types of PSE Chart https://transitiontn.org/student/wp-content/uploads/2021/0 3/PSE_Types-of-PSE_PSE-Charts.pdf Explore Work Interactive Graphic of Choices https://explore-work.com/click-pic-lots-of-choices/ Program Exploration Recording Form https://transitiontn.org/student/wp-content/uploads/2021/0 3/PSE_Types-of-PSE_Recording-Form.pdf					

Activity Example Week 3



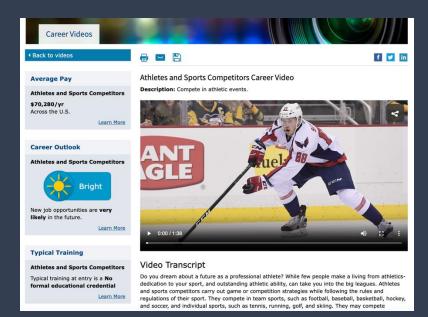
Career Clusters Interest Survey Directions: Circle the items in each box that best describe you. You may make as many or as few circles in each box as you choose. Add up the number of circles in each box. Look to see which three boxes have the highest numbers. Find the corresponding Career Clusters on the pages immediately following this survey to see which Career Clusters you may want to explore. Activities that describe what I like to do: that describe me: that I like: number 1. Learn how things grow and stay alive. circled in . Make the best use of the earth's natural . Self-reliant 1. Math Nature lover 2. Life Sciences . Hunt and/or fish. . Physically active 3. Earth Sciences . Protect the environment. . Planner 4. Chemistry . Be outdoors in all kinds of weather. 5. Creative problem solver 5. Agriculture 6. Plan, budget, and keep records. Operate machines and keep them in good

Activities that describe what I like to do: 1. Read and follow blueprints and/or	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects that I like:	Total number
instructions. 2. Picture in my mind what a finished product looks like. 3. Work with my hands. 4. Perform work that requires precise results. 5. Solve technical problems. 6. Visit and learn from beautiful, historic, or interesting buildings. 7. Follow logical, step-by-step procedures.	Curious Cood at following directions Pay attention to detail Cood at visualizing possibilities Patient and persistent	Math Darfting Physical Sciences Construction Trades Electrical Trades/Heat, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration/ Technology Education	circled ir Box 2

Activities that describe what I like to do: 1. Use my imagination to communicate new	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects that I like:	١,
information to others. 2. Perform in front of others. 3. Read and write. 4. Play a musical instrument. 5. Perform creative, artistic activities. 6. Use video and recording technology. 7. Design brochures and posters.	Creative and imaginative Good communicator/good vocabulary Curious about new technology Relate well to feelings and thoughts of others Determined/tenacious	Art/Graphic design Music Speech and Drama Journalism/Literature Audiovisual Technologies	ci

Source: Adapted from the Guidance Division Survey, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education (2005)



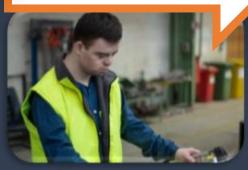


Let's Plan Together

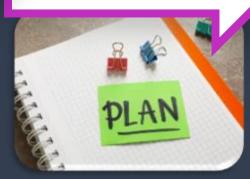




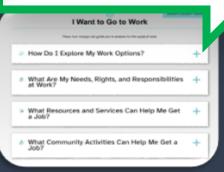
Target Students



Plan a Unit



Share Activities



Materials



Pre-ETS Sequencing Guide: Instruction in Self-Advocacy





Pre-Employment Transition Services
Sequencing Guide:
Instruction in Self-Advocacy

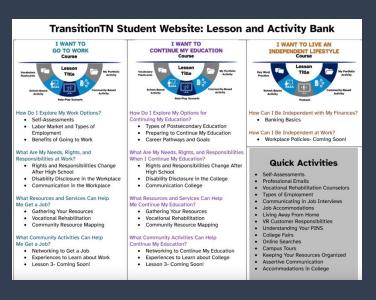
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Guided Notes

Guided Notes for Mock Planning Target Students Think about a specific student or a group of students you work with and answer the following questions: 1. What are students' goals for after high school? 2. What are their needs? 3. What information do you need to create meaningful activities? Use the space below to brainstorm your thoughts. Plan a Unit: Select Skill Building Activities Go to the skill topic and look at the skill building activities. Which skill building activities will you focus on each week? Consider the following questions and use the space below to brainstorm your thoughts. 1. Which skill building activities align with your students' goals and needs? 2. How often do you work with this group of students? 3. How many sessions will you need to teach the skill-building activities you selected?

TransitionTN Student Site Index



Target Students

- Think about a specific group of students that you are currently working with
- List the information you know on your guided notes page
 - What are their goals for after high school?
 - What are their needs?
 - What information do you need to create meaningful activities?

Guided Notes For Mock Planning

Target Students

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Use the space below to brainstorm your thoughts.



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- 1. What are students' goals for after high school?
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Use the space below to brainstorm your thoughts.

- TransitionTN High School 3rd period
- 9 students
- 6 want to go to PSE and 3 want to go straight to work
- All will need accommodations and need to practice communicating their needs



Plan a Unit: Select a Skill Topic



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Use the *Instruction in*Self-Advocacy Section
of the Pre-ETS
Sequencing Guide

Examine the categories and skill topics for *Instruction* in *Self-Advocacy*

Select a skill topic that aligns with the goals of the students you identified

Fill in the skill topic on the calendar

Instruction in Self-Advocacy

Self-advocacy is any time a person speaks or acts on their own behalf to improve their quality of life. The goal of Instruction in Self-Advocacy is to support students in developing the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to become actively involved in decisions that affect their success and future. Through Instruction in Self-Advocacy, students learn about their ability to effectively communicate, convey, negotiate, and assert their own interests and/or desires. Some of the most common competency categories under the Instruction in Self-Advocacy category are:

Self-Advocacy and Self-Determination

- Working knowledge of self-advocacy skills and how they support self-determination
- Understanding a person-driven approach to advocating and planning for the future

Self-Awareness

- Developing knowledge of themselves through reflection and self-assessments
- Developing awareness of their disability and its impact on education, employment, and/or independent living
- Understanding their role in making decisions and setting goals

Knowledge of Rights and Responsibilities

- Working knowledge of disability-related laws
- Understanding of disability disclosure in various settings
- Working knowledge of rights and responsibilities in the workplace
- Working knowledge of rights and responsibilities in postsecondary education
- Working knowledge of rights and responsibilities in the community and social settings

Communication of Needs and Preferences

- Recognizing effective communication strategies in employment, postsecondary education, and the community
- Working knowledge of assertive communication
- Utilizing tools that aid in effective communication

Leadership

- Understanding opportunities for the development of leadership skills
- Feeling empowered to be actively involved in support planning meetings and planning for the future

Expanding Self-Advocacy

- Gaining confidence and self-advocacy skills through mentorships
- Gaining knowledge of individualized supports by creating a community resource map

Skill Topic: Working knowledge of assertive communication

January 2025

Skill Building Activity (SBA)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2	3
SBA:	6	7	8	9	10
SBA:	13	14	15	16	17
SBA:	20	21	22	23	24
SBA:	27	28	29	30	31



Plan a Unit: Select Skill-Building Activities



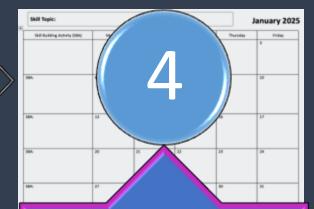
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Which skill-building activities align with your students' goals and needs?

How often do you work with this group of students?

How many sessions will you need to teach the skill-building activities?

Answer each question on your guided notes page



Fill in the skillbuilding activities for each week using the calendar







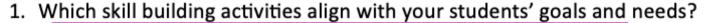
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Plan a Unit: Select Skill Building Activities

Go to the skill topic and look at the skill building activities. Which skill building activities will you focus on each week? Consider the following questions and use the space below to brainstorm your thoughts.



- 2. Compare and contrast the use of passive, aggressive, and assertive communication in various situations
 - a. Verbal
 - b. Nonverbal
- 2. How often do you work with this group of students?

1x a week

3. How many sessions will you need to teach the skill-building activities you selected?

3 sessions



Skill Topic: Working knowledge of assertive communication

January 2025

Skill Building Activity (SBA)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2	3
SBA: Compare and contrast the use of passive, aggressive, and assertive communication in a variety of situations	6	7	8	9	10
SBA: Compare and contrast the use of passive, aggressive, and assertive communication in a variety of situations	13	14	15	16	17
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Share Activities



1) > (2) > (3)

List resources, materials, and curricula you will use List any opportunities for collaboration for these skill-building activities

Brainstorm activities with your group



Add information about resources to your calendar or guided notes page

Resource Options

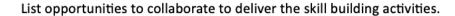
- Curriculum
- Assessments
- Supporting Videos
- Community Connections
- Presentations
- Activity sheets/ Handouts



Share Activities

Use the box below to list materials, resources, and curricula you will use.

- TransitionTN Quick Activity
- TransitionTN Lesson
 Communication in College



- Check-in with Speech Therapist
- Email Theater teacher to see if they may be able to help with role-play activity

Space for brainstorming activities:

Use this space for any additional ideas so that you have it to reference back to



Skill Topic: Working knowledge of assertive communication

January 2025

Skill Building Activity (SBA)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			No School	No School	No School
N/A- No School on Tuesday	6 No School	7 No School	8	9	10
SBA: Compare and contrast the use of passive, aggressive, and assertive communication in a variety of situations	13	14 TTN Assertive Communication Quick Activity	15	16	17
SBA: Compare and contrast the use of passive, aggressive, and assertive communication in a variety of situations	No Sch	21 TTN Comm in College Fact Sheet and Get Involved Game	22	TCAT Tour	24
SBA: Compare and contrast the use of passive, aggressive, and assertive communication in a variety of situations	27	Venn Diagram Activity	29	College Tour	31



Activity Example January 21st



Communication in College

For students who want to continue their education

Types of Communication

- When you are in college, it is important to talk about your needs and rights.
- There are three general types of communication, assertive, passive and aggressive.

Assertive: Being confident, respectful, and open when you speak



Passive: Worried that speaking up for your needs could make the other person uncomfortable.



Aggressive: Demanding things and pushing your thoughts on a person in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable.





GET INVOLVED GAME

Path: I Want to Continue My Education

Lesson: Communication in College

Directions: Read each scenario and decide which option shows that the college student is responsible and uses effective communication.

Jacob is in a Chemistry class where the professor assigns a lab partner to each student. Jacob's partner decided it would be easier to divide up the tasks for the lab assignment. Jacob is struggling with his part. Which is the best way for Jacob to communicate this to his partner?



Option I	Option 2
"I give up. This is too hard. Can you do it for met"	"I'm struggling a little with this section. Do you think you could help me out."

It's the first day of Melissa's History class and she picked out where she is going to sit for the semester. After sitting down, she noticed that the seat in front of her has a better view of the board. Since there is someone sitting there, she decides to talk to the classmate to see if they would change seats with her.



Option 1			
here, I have difficulty seeing the board from this at. Would you mind trading seats with me?"			

Option 2

"You have to trade seats with me. I can't see the board."







Use students' goals as the anchor for activity planning



Explore using the Pre-ETS Sequencing Guide for long-term planning, unit planning, and specific activity planning



Use at least one new or different instructional strategy this semester and evaluate the impact on your services





Please take a moment to complete our post-survey



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