

Course Description

Helps students prepare for long-term employment and career success by exploring career interests, completing career and interest assessments, researching career fields and wage expectations, identifying second chance-friendly employers and industries, and further developing practical workforce skills. Students learn how to search and apply for jobs using computer skills completing online job applications, uploading resumes, navigating employment websites, and communicating professionally with employers.

Criminogenic Needs Addressed: Employment/Education Deficits, Criminal Thinking, Problem Solving, Decision-Making, Antisocial Attitudes, Cognitive Restructuring, Responsivity, and Prosocial Skill Development.

Employment/Education Deficits

Addresses limited job skills, lack of work experience, low educational attainment, and barriers to obtaining and maintaining stable employment.

Criminal Thinking

Challenges unhealthy thinking patterns such as entitlement, poor judgment, lack of accountability, and attitudes that interfere with employment success and responsible decision-making.

Problem Solving

Develops the ability to identify employment barriers, evaluate options, and make constructive decisions related to careers, workplace situations, and long-term goals.

Decision-Making

Strengthens the ability to make responsible choices regarding employment, career planning, financial stability, and personal behavior.

Antisocial Attitudes

Encourages positive workplace behavior, professionalism, respect for authority, teamwork, and productive interaction with employers and coworkers.

Cognitive Restructuring

Helps students replace negative, self-defeating, or irresponsible thinking patterns with productive and goal-oriented thought processes that support long-term employment success.

Responsivity

Improves student engagement, motivation, learning readiness, and the ability to respond positively to instruction, coaching, and workforce development opportunities.

Prosocial Skill Development

Builds communication skills, workplace etiquette, teamwork, time management, and other behaviors that support successful employment and community reintegration.