

Customized Employment

September 20 - October 18, 2010 &
November 15 - December 13, 2010

Cost: \$80 per person

Description: Customized employment is a process for individualizing the employment relationship between a job seeker and an employer in ways that meet the needs of both. It is based on a match between the unique strengths, needs, and interests of the job candidate with a disability, and an employer's needs. It may also include self-employment options. This four week course (one new lesson every week) takes a look at how to customize employment. Participants will learn about ways to use a flexible blend of strategies, services, supports, and funds to negotiate employment for individuals with disabilities. Those who complete the course requirements within the specified time frame may earn **1.6 CEUs or 16 CRCs and/or a Certificate of Course Completion** from VCU.

For more information and to register please go to:

http://www.worksupport.com/training/webcourses/ce_course.cfm

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Supported Employment Web-
based Certificate Series

Supported Competitive Employ-
ment for Individuals with Mental
Illness

August 16 thru
November 15, 2010

Into Adulthood: Transition to
Work for Individuals with
Autism

October 4 thru
November 15, 2010

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This brochure provides information on our upcoming online courses.

Technical Assistance is available on how to use the Internet for distance education. Transcripts are posted for all online audio lectures. If you have questions about the technology applications, please contact Doug Erickson at doerickson@vcu.edu or call (804) 827-0760. If you have content questions, please email Katherine Inge at kinge@vcu.edu

ACRE Certification: The Association of Community Rehabilitation Educators (ACRE) awards nationally recognized Certificates of Achievement to providers of employment services to people with disabilities. This Certificate documents that the provider has satisfactorily completed a minimum of 40 hours of training or professional development provided by an ACRE-approved training resource. Virginia Commonwealth University is a member of ACRE, and the Supported Employment Online Certificate Series and the Supported Competitive Employment for Individuals with Mental Illness online courses are both recognized training programs. Individuals who complete all of the requirements for VCU's online courses in supported employment will be eligible to receive a National Certificate in Employment Services. A list of individuals in each state who have received this certificate is available online. You may learn more about ACRE by visiting <http://www.acreducators.org>.

Supported Employment Web-based Certificate Series **August 16 - November 15, 2010**

This course is ACRE certified. Individuals completing all course requirements will earn a National Certificate in Employment Services. In addition participants who complete the course requirements within the specified time frame may earn **3.5 CEUs or 35 CRCs and/or a Certificate of Course Completion** from VCU.

Cost: \$250 per person or group discount rate of \$1,000 for 5 individuals

Description: The supported employment model has long been established as an effective way to assist an individual with a more significant disability in gaining and maintaining work in the community. In this forward thinking and practical approach to employment support, individuals with significant support needs are not perceived as "unemployable" nor do they have to spend time to "get ready" to work. In this twelve week course (one new lesson every two weeks) professionals will learn more about the individual approach to supported employment.

Topics covered include:

- Using functional strategies to learn how the job seeker can make a meaningful contribution to the workplace,
- Meeting with business to better understand employment needs and develop jobs,
- Implementing workplace supports to include instructional strategies, assistive technology and natural supports,
- Providing long term job retention services, and
- Identifying creative funding options.

For more information and to register please go to:
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Supported Competitive Employment for Individuals with Mental Illness **August 16 - November 15, 2010**

This course is ACRE certified. Individuals completing all of the course requirements will earn a National Certificate in Employment Services. In addition, participants who complete the course requirements within the specified time frame may earn **3.5 CEUs or 35 CRCs and/or a Certificate of Course Completion** from VCU.

Cost: \$250 per person or group discount rate of \$1,000 for 5 individuals

Description: This course will examine how to apply the Individual Placement and Support Model (a supported employment approach) to assist individuals who have a mental illness with obtaining a job and going to work in the community. This twelve week course (one new lesson every two weeks) will cover the evidence-based practices that have been used to pave the way to support individuals with mental illness in employment.

Topics covered include:

- Understanding Evidence Based Practice Research,
- Working with an individual to establish a career direction,
- Developing jobs,
- Identifying a need for and implementing work supports, and
- Understanding work incentives.

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Into Adulthood: Transition to Work for Individuals with Autism **October 4 - November 15, 2010**

Cost: \$298.07 (Tuition: \$275 and Textbook: \$23.07)

Description: More now than ever, individuals with autism spectrum disorders are participating in the mainstream of school, work, and their community. Careful transition planning from secondary education is critical for young people with autism spectrum disorders to be successful; however, there is limited information on this topic. During this six week course (one new lesson every week) participants will be given an in-depth look at the concepts related to positive transition planning for youth with autism. The issues, challenges, and strategies that are involved with helping young people with autism participate to their fullest potential in society will be examined. Those who complete all the course requirements within the specified time frame may earn **4.5 CEUs or 45 CRCs and/or a Certificate of Course Completion** from VCU.

Special Note for Teachers in Virginia: Teachers who would like to use this course as a professional development activity for their re-certification will need prior approval from their school district. The school district will be responsible for designating the actual number of points that a teacher can earn for participating in this course.

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