



**EXPLORING CAREERS**

**WITH  PERT**

**TRANSITION SERVICES**

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**



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# **Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center**

Comprehensive Vocational Rehabilitation  
for Virginians with Disabilities

## **PERT Program Transition Services and Training Programs WWRC**



# Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center (WWRC)

- Who are we? WWRC is a comprehensive Rehabilitative Center that serves people with disabilities from all over the state of Virginia.
- Where are we located? Fishersville, VA
- PERT Program for students who are in high school and Adult Services
- Ancillary Services: OT Driving, Occupational Therapy, Assistive Technology, Communication Services



# What is PERT?

Postsecondary  
Education  
Rehabilitation  
Transition



Every school district has a  
PERT Transition  
Resource Specialist

# Breakdown of PERT Service Lines

## Virtual PERT

- Sessions are run on the off week that PERT doesn't have students on campus
- Sessions are for 2 consecutive days either M/T or W/TH, 2 hours in the morning or afternoon
- Sessions are live and there are several instructors facilitating the session
- Pre-Ets service for students-identify students early in the Transition Process- 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders



# Virtual PERT Continued

- Virtual Program consists of PowerPoints, videos and interactions with PERT On-Site Counselors and the Residential Team
- Components include: Work Readiness (Work Behaviors , Social Skills, Relationships) Soft Skills/Career Awareness Residential Skills/Independent Living Skills (Money Management, Laundry, Hygiene, Medication, Nutrition) Mindfulness Activities





# Service Lines Continued

## Career Day

- Students participate in two job explorations in positions located throughout the campus
- Teacher chaperones
- Benefits:
  - Students get to know the WWRC environment- a dip your toe in experience!
  - Students get to know staff
  - Try out the food in the cafeteria
- Career Day is a Pre-Ets Activity
- Dates July 20, 2023



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# Service Lines Continued

## Career Seminars

- 3 Days and 2 nights Residential Experience
- Students Participate in 2 Job Shadowing Experiences in positions throughout the WWRC Campus
- Workplace Readiness and Social Skills Activities
- Team building activities
- Residential Exploration and Support
- Pre-Ets Activity
- Dates: June 6-8, 2023 and November 28-30, 2023



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# Service Lines Continued

## Transition Academy

- 2.5 Day Residential Program
- Teacher/DARS Chaperone
- Program Components:
  - 2 Vocational Exploration areas
  - 2 Independent Experiences
  - Residential and Leisure Activities
- Pre-Ets or VR Service
- Dates: June 20-22, 2023 and December 12-14, 2023



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# Services Lines Continued

## PERT Comprehensive Program

- 5-day Residential Program: Monday –Friday at assigned date (annually) with the student’s school system
- Program Components:
  - Vocational Exploration
  - Independent Living Skills Exploration
  - Residential and Leisure Skills Experience
- Students attending PERT Comprehensive must be in VR status and it must be listed on Service Plan
- Students with a Disability and Youth with a Disability can participate in this service.



# Service Lines Continued

## Situational Assessments (SITS)

- One week session: Monday –Friday
- Students can be assigned a session during a time year that suits them.
- Eligible students are individuals who received a recommendation in one of WWRC's Training areas.
- Students typically attend prior to the completion of high school
- SITS helps students decide if the Training area is a good fit for them!



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# Service Lines Continued

## Work Credential Week

- Sunday-Friday Session in June and November
- Customer Service Credential through the National Retail Federation
- 4 -Day Training in Customer Service
- 1-Day Credential Test
- Residential Activities and Support
- Students are in VR Status
- Dates: March 19-24, 2023; June 25-30 2023 ; and November 12-17 2023



# Adult Services and Training Programs



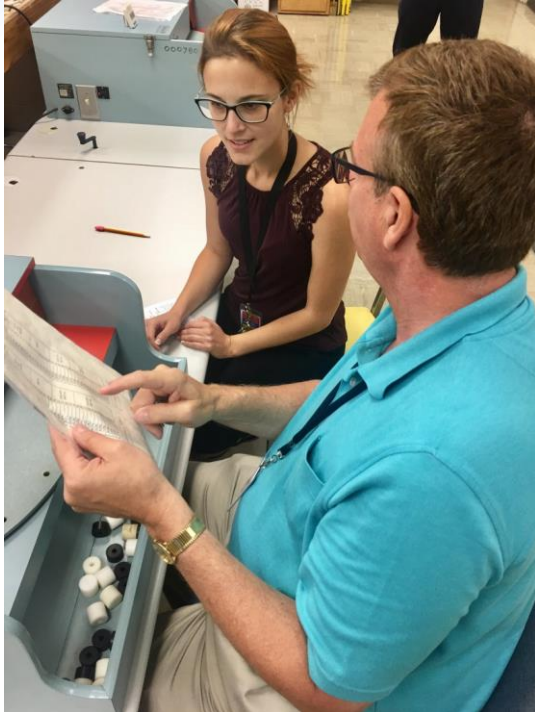
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# Vocational Evaluation





# Vocational Evaluation



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# Work Readiness Program (WRP)

- A program designed to introduce workplace readiness skills to consumers in order to assist consumers with transitioning into employment or further education/training opportunities.
- Consumers will receive differentiated instruction on thirteen (13) workplace readiness skills.
- WRP is a 6-week long Program



# Workplace Readiness Skills

- Punctuality/Attendance
- Personal Presentation
- Attention to task/concentration
- Safety Awareness and Practices
- Response to Supervision and Feedback
- Following Instruction
- Initiative and Dependability
- Communication and Interpersonal Skills
- Attention to Detail/Quality Work
- Care with Materials and Property
- Work Energy/Stamina
- Work Tolerance/Persistence
- Meets Work Schedules



# Work Readiness Program

- Consumers also can apply these skills in a simulated workplace environment through our pre-employment skills labs. Also, workplace readiness skills will be supported by ancillary staff such as OT, Behavior Health, Communication, Residential Services and Recreational Therapy.
- If there is a need, a student will receive a Vocational Evaluation while attending the Work Readiness Program.



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# Vocational Training Programs

- Auto Mechanics

- Tire & Lube Technician, Auto Service Technician

- Manufacturing

- M.S.
- MT1



# Vocational Training Programs

- Food Service
  - Dishwasher, Cafeteria Attendant, Food Service Worker
  - Woody's Cafe
- Health Occupations
  - Certified Nursing Assistant
  - Personal Care Aid



# Vocational Training Programs

- Materials Handling (Logistics)
  - Stock/Warehouse
  - Sales Associate



# Vocational Training Programs

- Building Trades- General



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# Vocational Training Programs

- External Training Option & Student Internships
  - Work-based learning experiences with businesses in the community



# Industry Recognized Credentials

- National Career Readiness Certification -CRC
- Customer Service Certification - NRF
- OSHA 10
- Certified Logistics Associate
- SERV Safe Handler and Manager Certification
- Certified Nurse Aide (CAN)
- Manufacturing Technician I – MTI
- Microsoft Office Suite (Expert and Master Level) for the following Office Products (PowerPoint, Word, Excel, Access





# Earn Your PD Points!

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