

2021-22 Introduction to Customized Employment in CT

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE), in collaboration with the RESC Alliance, is sponsoring an **Introduction to Customized Employment (CE) in CT** training for special education teachers, providers, and administrators working with transition-age students with disabilities. These sessions are designed to increase capacity and a shared understanding of the CE process in CT, which may lead to competitive integrated employment, for students with the most significant disabilities. Participants will understand the components of CE (e.g., Foundational Knowledge, Job Discovery, Job Development, Post-Employment Support), become familiar with the job discovery process, and learn how special education transition services and activities, as identified on a student’s IEP, could be aligned to and support CE job discovery activities.

Each session is comprised of two 2-hour virtual classes, **Foundational Knowledge** and **Job Discovery**. Additionally, optional asynchronous activities are available to participants interested in learning more about CE.

This training is free, virtual, and hosted through Zoom. All materials will be made available in Canvas, a learning management system, and the link will be sent after you are registered. Please register for a session that you can attend both virtual classes.

Virtual Class Date/Registration Link

[Friday, April 1st and Friday, April 8th](#)
[Monday, May 9th and Monday, May 23rd](#)

Time

8:30am – 10:30am
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"Customized Employment means competitive integrated employment, for an individual with a significant disability, that is:

based on an individualized determination of the unique strengths, needs, and interests of the individual with a significant disability;

designed to meet the specific abilities of the individual with a significant disability and the business needs of the employer;

and carried out through flexible strategies.”

Code of Federal Regulations Section 361.5(c)(11))

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