



We are excited to announce another year of the Employment Professional Certificate Program being offered for those working in the Puget Sound area or in the Vancouver/Portland area.

This program is offered for professionals who provide employment support to individuals with developmental disabilities and play an integral role in assisting people to become contributing members of their community.

The program will offer high quality training taught by skilled professionals, and is intended to build on the skills of the students, offering opportunities for networking with others in the field, and serve as a building block for future leaders in supported employment.

Who We Are

About Us

This program is offered through Highline College in collaboration with WISE and the Washington State Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) with support from counties and agencies throughout the state.

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**EMPLOYMENT
PROFESSIONAL
CERTIFICATE
PROGRAM -
HIGHLINE COLLEGE**





The Goals of the Program Are:

- Increase the competence of employment professionals
- Develop a network of future leaders in supported employment
- Provide staff an opportunity for relationship building and networking
- Expand resources for employment professionals to increase their knowledge through predictable systematic training
- Embed supported employment training within the generic college system
- Expand employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities

Criteria for Student Selection

- Student currently works in the field of Supported Employment
- Student agrees to attend all three quarters
- Agency agrees to support the student to attend class five hours per week as well as time required for homework assignments

"It is a great opportunity to learn and expand upon the knowledge and skills that drive this field!"
- previous Highline student

Program Logistics:

- Classes are every Friday 9AM-2PM
- Limited to twenty-two (24) students
- Classes are at Highline College in King County and Innovative Services NW Vancouver in Clark County.
- Classes start in the Fall of each year
- Tuition is \$2300 for all 3 quarters
- 5 Credits per quarter, credits are transferable

Application for Admission

Fill out the registration application found at www.gowise.org/Wise-Projects



Course Descriptions:

Fall

Foundations of Supported Employment

– This course examines the history, values, public policy, individualized planning and positive approaches that have influenced the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities.

Winter

Essentials to Marketing and Job

Development – This course will focus on many aspects of developing jobs for people with developmental disabilities in the community. It will include networking approaches, working as a team and being a good ambassador for the people that are being promoted.

Spring

Job Support and Job Retention – This course will build skills and offer creative methods of assisting individuals with developmental disabilities to be successful on their jobs and improve the competence of businesses and coworkers to support and include people with disabilities.