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Counseling on Opportunities for Enrollment in Comprehensive Transition or Post-Secondary Education Programs

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Counseling on opportunities for enrollment in comprehensive transition or postsecondary education programs is one of five legally mandated pre-employment transition services (pre-ETS) listed in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA, 2014).

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Students with disabilities who receive counseling about post-secondary education have greater success when entering postsecondary programs and more positive outcomes upon completion (e.g., access to competitive employment).

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Counseling on postsecondary education refers to a process for providing support and guidance to students with disabilities and their caregivers regarding the transition from school to postsecondary education.

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Counseling activities that facilitate success in postsecondary education focus on how to obtain services, empowering students to enroll in postsecondary education, and sharing information with students and families about the differences between high school and postsecondary education environments.

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Postsecondary educational opportunities may vary across states but typically include university programs, vocational-technical programs, community colleges, military, and other training opportunities in career pathways.

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Counseling activities that include the family positively impact access to post-secondary educational environments for students with disabilities.

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Counseling activities may include, but are not limited to, working with students and families to understand their legal rights upon leaving high school, the post-secondary options available, and procedures for requesting academic accommodations during post-secondary education.

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