



*Western Connection at Western Connecticut State University:*

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*Program Goals*

1. Students will annually participate in person centered planning to identify dreams and determine goals and support needs for the upcoming year.
2. Students will explore job opportunities in three areas of interest through informational interviews, job shadows, and/or business tours.
3. Students will obtain paid integrated community supported or competitive employment in a field of interest.
4. Students will attend 1-2 audited college courses per year and monitor progress using a curriculum matrix.
5. Student will demonstrate the ability to choose continuing education or a college course that fits their schedule and interests, register for that course, and determine transportation to and from the class independently.
6. Students will demonstrate the ability to articulate their support needs in employment settings, college classrooms, community settings, and at home.
7. Students will monitor personal progress toward goals on a quarterly basis.
8. Students will demonstrate the ability to access public transportation, when needed, to travel in the community.
9. Students will participate in their IEP meetings to the best of their ability and at a minimum share their names, accomplishments, support needs, and goals for the upcoming year.
10. Students will transition out of the program to an adult service provider that will sustain the student's level of integrated employment.