



Passport Program: A Curriculum for Instruction on Life Skills

Description: The Passport Program is an APTS designed instructional framework and curriculum map which outlines the scope and sequence of instruction on crucial life skills for learners to be successful at independently navigating their world, as well as integrating into their communities. The core areas of focus are broken into two distinct program pathways; the Passport to Life which includes an instructional emphasis on activities of daily living, independent living skills for higher quality of life, and community basics and the Passport to Work which includes an instructional emphasis on career exploration and workplace readiness and employment skills. This curriculum serves students in prevocational (K-11th grade) and vocational learning (12th grade +) tracks.

A Peek into the Program: Components of Instruction

Component 1: Life Skills Practice Points

Life Skills Practice Points are in-classroom instructional activities which focus on acquisition of novel skills. As learners are presented new material and units throughout the curriculum, they first practice skills through a variety of activities within their assigned classroom on campus accessing support from teachers and program facilitators. Instruction includes activities such as virtual job shadowing, resume writing, task kits, and an online pre-employment instructional platform.

Component 2: School Wide Simulations

School Wide Simulations are simulated activities that happen outside of the learner’s assigned classroom, but still within our campus grounds. These activities expand upon learning in the classroom to give students the opportunity to practice newly acquired skills in a differing environment. Instruction includes activities such as Coffee Shop, Snack Cart, Rolling Library, Sweet Treats, and Farmer’s Market.

Component 3: Life Skills Stations

Life Skills Stations are mock spaces that allow students to practice skills within a mock environment located at the campus that simulates an environment in the community. These mock setups allow for generalization of a sequence of skills required to access the community independently. Instruction includes activities such as a Mock Grocery Store, Mock Apartment, and Mock Production Room.

Component 4: Life Skills Field Trips

Life Skills Field Trips allow learners to access opportunities to further demonstrate skill mastery and generalize skills to community based environments offsite with staff support. Instruction includes

- Individual Field Trips for Community Based Instruction
- Small Group Field Trips
- Social Skills Field Trips
- Community Based Instructional Placements- Volunteer Shifts, Internships, Externships, and Part-Time Job Placement Opportunities

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