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**To: Employment First Stakeholders**  
**From: Acacia McGuire Anderson, Statewide Employment First Coordinator**  
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**Re: New Training Opportunity for Employment Professionals**

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) and the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) are excited to announce a new training opportunity for Employment Professionals.

Vocational Rehabilitation has recently acquired a subscription to Elsevier's College of Employment Services (CES) training curriculum. CES is a comprehensive curriculum that consists of 11 online courses, with 45 lessons specific to supported employment services. Completion of this curriculum meets the 12 annual continuing education credit requirement for Employment Professionals.

This training opportunity is available for 200 people and is free of charge for eligible service providers. To be eligible for this opportunity, providers must be **dually enrolled** with VR and ODDS. Details and instructions how to apply for this opportunity are provided in [IM-21-055](#).

Registration is open now. Enrollment is first come, first served and enrollment is limited to three staff per provider.

An additional benefit of the CES curriculum is that it is one-part of a two-part training series for ACRE certification. After successfully completing the CES curriculum, the person is eligible to participate in an ACRE supplement course provided by the [Institute for Community Inclusion at UMass Boston](#).

Thank you for your dedication to serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Oregon.

Acacia & Keith