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Transition to Adulthood

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Transition 101



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Websites

Apps

Grant Opportunities

Websites & Apps for iPad, iPod & iPhone

Please go to the following link for great apps for the following topics:

<http://www2.esu3.org/esu3/index.cfm?action=208&id=427&dept=sped>

- Cause and Effect
- College Bound Students
- Communication
- Daily Living Skills
- Reading & Writing
- Transition

Grants

Autism Society of Nebraska Supporting our Community – Classroom Grant \$75.00 per student

This grant offers funding to be used for Nebraska educators who work with an individual(s) with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. These funds are available for the purchase of classroom supplies, educational toys, sensory items and technology. You can obtain the application at: www.autismnebraska.org or call 800-580-9279





10 Facts About High School Dropout Rates

Facts from: dosomething.org

- Every year, over 1.2 million students drop out of high school in the United States alone. That's a student every 26 seconds – or 7,000 a day.
- About 25% of high school freshmen fail to graduate from high school on time.
- The U.S., which had some of the highest graduation rates of any developed country, now ranks 22nd out of 27 developed countries.
- The dropout rate has fallen 3% from 1990 to 2010 (12.1% to 7.4%).
- The percentage of Latino students who graduate have significantly increased. In 2010, 71.4% received their diploma vs. the 61.4% in 2006. Asian-American and white students are still far more likely to graduate than Latino and African-American students.
- A high school dropout will earn \$200,000 less than a high school graduate over his lifetime. And almost a million dollars less than a college graduate.
- In 2010, 38 states had higher graduation rates. Vermont had the highest rate, with 91.4% graduating. And Nevada had the lowest with 57.8% of students graduating.
- Almost 2,000 high schools across the U.S. graduate less than 60% of their students.
- These “dropout factories” account for over 50% of the students who leave school every year.
- In the U.S., high school dropouts commit about 75% of crimes.
- High school graduates have a higher life expectancy than dropouts by 9 years.

Nebraska Career Education Model ~ Career Clusters

Career Cluster Focus: Hospitality and Tourism

www.nebraskacareerconnections.org

Students preparing for a career in the Hospitality and Tourism Career Cluster prepares learners for careers in the management, marketing & operations of restaurants and other food services, lodging, attractions, recreation events and travel-related services. Education and training can be obtained through on-the-job training, technical colleges, two-year community colleges, four-year colleges/universities and apprenticeship programs. They can enter program leading to a certificate or a degree at the associate, baccalaureate, or advanced degree level. The table below shows examples of postsecondary Hospitality and Tourism programs of study organized by pathway.

	High School Diploma On-the-Job Training	Certificate/License	Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree
LODGING	Bell Captain Guestroom Attendance Reservationist	Hotel Management	Hotel Management	Business Admin. Lodging Management Sales & Marketing
RECREATION, AMUSEMENTS, & ATTRACTIONS	Museums/zoos/aquarium Resort Instructor Themes Parks Retail Manager			Business Admin. Recreation, Fitness & leisure Sports and Fitness Management
RESTAURANT & FOOD/ BEVERAGE SERVICES	Cook Dishwasher Wait Staff	Culinary Arts & Management Dietary Management Food service/hospitality Food Service Management		Food Service/ Hospitality Food Service Management Hospitality Management Restaurant & Food Service Admin. Travel and Tourism
TRAVEL & TOURISM	Event Planner Ticket Agent Tour Guide Travel Agent	Business Admin. Travel & Tourism	Business Admin. *Sales & Marketing *Travel & Tourism	Business Admin. Marketing Operations Management



Information from:

www.scholarships.com

Pros & Cons of Community Colleges

Pros

- ❖ Cost of Tuition
 - Many junior colleges cost less than two thousand dollars each semester to attend full time. Attending community college gives students the change to prepare for the financial demands of a 4-year university if they plan on transferring.
- ❖ Flexible Schedule
 - Many students don't realize that if they plan on working while attending school, community college the best option. They offer far more night classes than other universities and more schedule options. The workload, unfortunately, is lighter than a state college/university and attendance is not usually required.
- ❖ Give Students an opportunity to explore major options
 - Instead of spending thousands of dollars at a college/university towards a major that you are unsure of, consider attending a community school while you are making your decision. Classes cost less, so you will have the opportunity to explore interests that

- ❖ Smaller classes
 - Many classes have as few as twenty students. In a smaller class, professors have the opportunity to learn more about their students. Likewise, students will find their teachers more accessible and can get assistance when they need it.
- ❖ Qualified Professors
 - Many accomplished instructors teach part-time at community schools to allow plenty of time to focus on their own pursuits and career goals.
- ❖ Transitional
 - Attending community school gives students the opportunity to earn college credit while taking the time to select the 4-year institution that is right for them. Because there is little financial investment, most students are deterred from dropping their studies altogether.

Cons

- ❖ Limited Curriculum
 - Typically, community colleges are 2-year schools. If you plan on obtaining a 4-year degree you will have to transfer to another university at some point. If you're looking for a permanent residence, this probably isn't the best place for you.
- ❖ Lighter Workload
 - The workload is significantly lighter than at a college/university. There is sometimes very little course work aside from major exams but keep in mind that college is what you make it - putting in the time is entirely up to you.
- ❖ Campus Life
 - Junior colleges do have clubs & organizations, but campus life is not a big part of the atmosphere. For most students at community schools, their schedule revolves around work & classes are done in the mean time. If you are looking for a lively social scene, community college is probably not for you.

Upcoming Events

May 19, 2015

How Do I Pay For it? Beyond Insurance (PTI)

FREE Webinar

Families who have a child with disabilities or special health care needs often must ask themselves, “Where do I look for funding to help with my child’s special medical needs?” This workshop explores systems and programs that might be able to help, covering many other opportunities of funding through private agencies and groups. Participants will learn how to find the opportunities, review them and apply for funding.

Register by going to the following link and filling out the information requested:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PTIWebinarRegistration>

June 2, 2015

Structured Teach for High-Functioning Autism & AS

ESU 3

For all staff who work with students upper elementary (4th grade and up, middle, and high school) with High Functioning Autism. Participants will learn the important components of structured teaching including the following: structuring the environment/work systems, individual daily schedules, using visuals (including technology) in the areas of communication, sensory and social. Register on ESU 3’s website.

June 9, 2015

An Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders

ESU 3

All staff can parents can attend. This in-service will be an overview of the following topics: Characteristics (definitions, facts and myths), assessments-verification/identification, an overview of evidence based practices and comprehensive program planning. Register at ESU 3’s website

October 23, 2015

Bridging the AT Gap

ESU 3 LaVista, NE

Learn more about: Make & Take activities, Apps Communication, Devices iPad/iPod/Tablet, Technology for the Visually impaired, technology for the deaf/hard of hearing, software and websites.

Cost \$55 including lunch

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Register on ESU 3’s website

October 27, 2015

Nebraska Transition Workshop

Kearney, NE

This workshop will provide great information regarding the transition of special education students beyond high school. More information will come in the fall.

October 29, 2015

Para Educator Conference

Kearney, NE

This conference will provide a great opportunity for your para educator to network, enhance their understanding, improve their skills and to better meet the diverse needs of the children they serve. Topics include: Fostering early development, serving secondary students, supporting the classroom teacher, nurturing positive behavior, understanding students with unique learning needs, meeting the needs of students with disabilities and improving para educator performance. For more information, please visit <http://para.unl.edu/conference/conference2015.html>

**November 10, 2015
College**

Holy Cow What Now

Northeast Community

More information to come this fall.

Norfolk, NE

ACT TEST: ACT is committed to serving students with disabilities by providing reasonable accommodations appropriate to the student's diagnosis. ACT has established policies regarding documentation of an applicant's disability and the process for requesting accommodations. For details, see [ACT Policy for Documentation](#) to Support Requests for Test Accommodations on the ACT.

ACT Test Dates:	Registration Date:	(Late Fee Required of \$23.00 + the fee per test)
June 13 th	May 8 th	May 9-22, 2015
September 12 th	August 7 th	August 8-21, 2015
October 24 th	September 18	September 19-October 2, 2015
December 12 th	November 6, 2015	November 7-20, 2015

Test fee per test option

ACT (No Writing) ~ \$36.50 Includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four college choices

ACT Plus Writing ~ \$52.50 Includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four college choices.