



The New Jersey
Partnership for Transition
from School to Adult Life for Youth with Disabilities

• New Jersey Office of Special Education Programs • New Jersey Office of School to Work Initiatives •
• New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services • The University Affiliated Program of New Jersey • Statewide Parent Advocacy Network •

Overview of Vocational Assessment

Vocational Assessment is a synthesis of existing information relating to interests, functional abilities, and specific support needs, which builds the rationale for vocational goal selection. Assessment data are periodically collected on the student's:

- interests
- preferences
- aptitudes
- special support and adaptive needs
- learning styles
- work habits
- work behavior
- personal skills
- social skills
- work tolerance
- work attitudes
- prior work history

In this way, work settings can be chosen for career and occupational training that match student's strengths, interests, and needs. Training objectives are matched with these work settings and these training objectives become a part of the student's Transition IEP.