



RSA Region V CRP-RCEP

University of Illinois  
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*Professional development  
for community rehabilitation personnel...*

# *Employment Services Simulation (ESS)*

**July 10-15, 2005**

**Madison, WI**

*Sponsored by*

**RSA Region V CRP-RCEP**

*Rehabilitation Services Administration Region V  
Community Rehabilitation Providers -  
Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program*

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Designed for direct-service staff who provide supported or inclusive employment services, the Employment Services Simulation (ESS) training is a six-day immersion simulation. Participants assume the role of an employment specialist for a simulated community rehabilitation agency and face many critical issues in providing quality employment services. Using a team approach, participants meet these challenges and take risks to solve problems and improve their skills in negotiating difficult situations. These challenges, common to ones encountered in rehabilitation agencies, are offered in a friendly environment that facilitates learning by doing. It is an ideal environment for discovery learning, risk taking, and “thinking outside the box.”

Networking, team-building, and fun are incorporated in all activities throughout the six-day training. CRCs and CEUs are available for this professional development training.

## TRAINING CONTENT

- Values of Quality Community Employment
- Identifying Support Needs
- Marketing
- Effective Communication
- Negotiating with Employers and Other Customers
- On-the-Job Supports
- Problem Solving
- Public Relations
- Interagency Collaboration
- Community-Relationship Building

## ESS CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of a self-study questionnaire.
- Attendance of the immersion simulation in its entirety.
- Completion of a field-based assignment that demonstrates an aspect of the training in the participant’s current employment setting.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

Job Developers, Job Coaches, Employment Specialists, Case Managers, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors, Teachers, Vocational Coordinators, Transition Specialists, Staff Trainers, Family Members, Vocational Supervisors, Employment Services Managers, Mid-level Supervisors, Community Employment Supervisors

## LOCATION

Best Western Inn on the Park  
22 South Carroll Street  
Madison, WI  
800-279-8811

## **COST**

The cost of the six-day training, including lodging, is \$395.00 per participant, \$500.00 for two participants from each agency, or \$600.00 for three to four participants from an agency. All prices are based on double occupancy. An additional charge of \$20.00 per night for individual rooms will be added to each participant's registration fee. Please complete the registration form on the back. The fee is nonrefundable after July 1, 2005. Confirmation of meeting and hotel registration and specific program information will be mailed to participants prior to the session.

## **LODGING**

The cost of the hotel room will be direct billed to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

## **SCHEDULE**

Training will begin on Sunday, July 10, 2005, 1:00 p.m. (CDT) and will conclude on Friday, July 15, 2005, at 12:00 p.m. (CDT). Sessions will adjourn each day at approximately 4:30 p.m.

## **REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

Registrations must be received by **June 17, 2005** to ensure the availability of accommodations. Space is limited, so please register today to ensure enrollment!

## **WHAT IS THE CRP-RCEP?**

RSA Region V CRP-RCEP, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, is part of a national network of RSA-funded programs to provide training and professional development opportunities to staff of community rehabilitation provider agencies (CRPs). Each of the ten RSA regions in the United States has a CRP-RCEP. RSA Region V CRP-RCEP at the University of Illinois serves CRPs in its six-state region - Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The funding for this RSA project began October 2001.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Please contact **Tony Plotner** at **217-333-2325** or **plotner@uiuc.edu** for additional information.

## **COMMENTS FROM PAST PARTICIPANTS**

- I changed my approach with employers and am now focused on building a relationship, selling the company's services rather than a person, and negotiating with employers to support consumers. I have more of a community presence and have been able to develop more community-based assessment sites and volunteer opportunities since completing the ESS.
- The marketing content was very helpful. It provided many ideas for approaching employers and educating teachers. Job carving content also very helpful. The job carving information provided an opportunity to "think outside of the box."
- Overall the ESS experience was excellent.
- I have recommended the training to my co-workers...I feel they all should attend. It helped me learn about myself, others, and employers in an environment supported by trained professionals.

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**Registration Form . . . .**      **Employment Services Simulation (ESS)**  
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- To check status of availability of session, please call Betty Taylor at 217-333-2325.
- Please send a separate registration form for each training participant.
- Make checks payable to the University of Illinois.
- CRCs and CEUs available.

**Please type or print clearly.** (You will receive e-mail confirmation upon receipt of your registration.)

Name/Title (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Please subscribe me to the free electronic RSA Region V listserv.

Check here if you require special assistance to fully participate.

Describe your needs below: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lodging:

Smoking \_\_\_ Non-smoking \_\_\_ Share room with \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send your registration to:**

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Transition Research Institute  
ATTN: Betty Taylor  
117 Children's Research Center  
51 Gerty Drive  
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