
Courage Center offers many services that go beyond traditional rehabilitation therapies. Our Vocational Services help boost self-confidence and independence, improve health and well-being, and provide opportunities to get a job, get involved and contribute to society.

Vocational rehabilitation services help clients prepare to live more independently in the community. For some, that means preparing to transition to adulthood – managing their own affairs and preparing for college or work. For others, it means assistance re-entering the workforce after an injury or illness.

Mission

To empower people with disabilities to realize their full potential in every aspect of life. We are guided by the vision that one day, all people will live, work, learn and play in a community based on abilities, not disabilities.

Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)

Courage Center's adult, pediatric and adolescent outpatient therapy, independent living skills program and vocational services are accredited by CARF.

About Courage Center

Courage Center is a nonprofit rehabilitation and resource center that advances the lives of children and adults experiencing barriers to health and independence. At Courage Center, we specialize in treating brain injury, spinal cord injury, stroke, chronic pain, autism, and disabilities experienced since birth. Founded in 1928, Minneapolis-based Courage Center offers advanced technologies and innovation provided in part through the efforts of thousands of volunteers and donors.



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Vocational Services



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From evaluation to placement

A Full Range Of Services

Every job seeker has unique abilities and interests. Our vocational experts assist clients to develop an individual vocational plan and identify any assistive technologies they will need to be successful in school or in the workplace.

Assistive Technology Assessment

A hands-on assessment of assistive technology and work accommodation options can be helpful for recommendation of AT products and software which best meets a person's individual needs. We will also offer resources for obtaining hardware and software and consult with employees and employers about available AT options and resources.

Functional Capacity Evaluation

This one- or two-day comprehensive evaluation measures a client's functional capacity as it relates to returning to work. Professional therapists measure capacities in lifting, sitting, standing, pushing/pulling, kneeling and reaching.

Vocational Evaluation

A vocational evaluation assesses a person's aptitude, achievement and interests matched to job types and vocations. It also provides feedback on the current labor market and employment trends.

Work Readiness

This four-week, in-house assessment evaluates a person's readiness for employment. We address issues such as stamina, work accommodation needs and "soft" job skills such as attendance and communication. Introduction to job-seeking skills training and recommendations for employment readiness are made.

Computer Assessment

Identifies a person's computer skills and abilities to determine potential for learning necessary for further education and or jobs requiring such skills. Recommendations for additional education or training are included in the written assessment.

Office Skills Assessment And Training

We offer *customized* office skills and computer training ranging from keyboarding to Microsoft Office software. Training also includes business writing, general office skills and accessibility software such as Dragon NaturallySpeaking and JAWS.



Job Placement

Individualized services assist clients to secure competitive employment through job seeking skills training, networking and job development.

Job Coaching

Through job coaching, we help clients learn specific job duties. We also make recommendations for strategies and accommodations to help people retain employment; as well as provide resources, mediation and education for employers and co-workers.

Job Retention

Getting a job is the first step; retaining a job is the next step. Our professional staff members are available for on-the-job support to people with disabilities and their employers. We help develop strategies to help people learn a new job, retain their current job or advance in their career.

Other Courage Center services

Courage Center offers comprehensive services that improve independence and quality of life for people of all ages and abilities. Visit www.CourageCenter.org for more information on any of these services, which may complement Vocational Services programming:

- Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services (ARMHS)
- Drivers Assessment and Training
- Independent Living Skills (ILS)