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# IT'S EMPLOYMENT

INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY INCLUSION, UMASS BOSTON

**IT'S EMPLOYMENT, an innovative training project funded by the Rehabilitation Services Administration is partnering with the University of Massachusetts Boston, School for Global Inclusion and Social Development's Rehabilitation Counseling Program to offer:**

## **SPECIAL TOPICS IN INNOVATIVE BEST PRACTICES IN EMPLOYMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES**

### **COUNSL 697—Section 01**

**Dates: Mondays, January 23—May 10, 2023**

**Location: Online | Time: 7:30—9pm EST | Cost: \$1740**

Increasingly, people with intellectual disabilities want to go to work. They are turning to vocational rehabilitation agencies and community organizations for assistance in obtaining and maintaining employment. This course will provide you with the knowledge and skills you need to effectively support people with intellectual disabilities to go to work.

**Course description:** This is a three credit online graduate level course, which provides students with a comprehensive approach to the provision of Vocational Rehabilitation services to individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ID) and their families/caregivers. Students will gain knowledge and skills to assist individuals with ID by exploring barriers to employment, working collaboratively with family members/caregivers, developing community partnerships, and exploring multiple pathways to Competitive Integrated Employment for individuals with ID.

Students will examine best practices in serving individuals with ID through relevant articles, case studies, multimedia resources, and online discussion forums.

**Instructor: Mary DiBiase, MA Ed**, is a Training Associate at the Institute for Community Inclusion, where she provides leadership in curriculum development, training, design, and implementation. Having worked extensively in the fields of employment services, youth transition services, and special education, she has a breadth of knowledge of how education and vocational services intersect with the world of employment. Mary has authored curriculum and training materials on a variety of topics, including services and support for people with intellectual disabilities, universal design for learning, creating inclusive workplaces, strategies for supporting job seekers with disabilities, business engagement strategies for vocational rehabilitation agencies, and transition planning.

**CRC credit:** As a three-credit graduate level course, this course qualifies for 15 CRC credits upon submission of transcript to CRCC

**Accommodation Information:** UMass Boston is committed to providing reasonable academic accommodations for all students with disabilities. If you have a disability and feel you will need accommodations in this course, please contact the Ross Center for Disability Services at (617) 287-7430 or [www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/disability/](http://www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/disability/)

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**Registration deadline: January 30, 2023**

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