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National Disability Employment Awareness Month

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October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month!

NDEAM celebrates the contributions of workers with disabilities. It allows showcasing the supportive and inclusive employment practices that benefit employers and employees.

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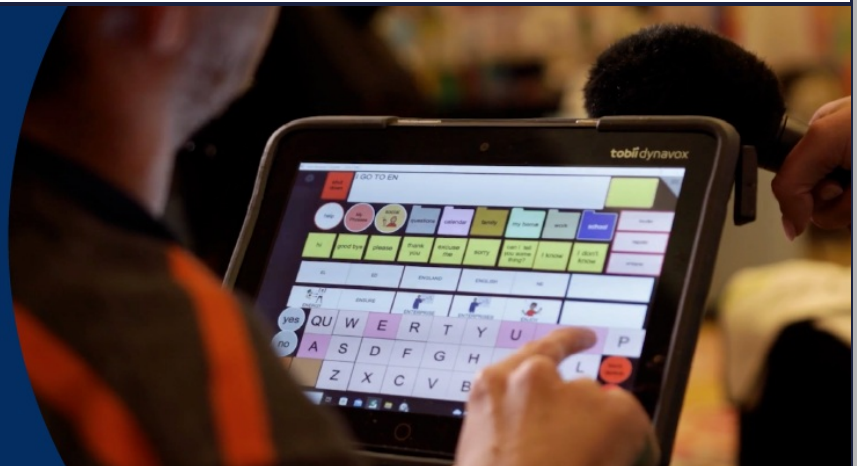
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We Make Jump-starting a Career in Special Education Easy

OPTIMISE's One-Stop-Shop website for career seekers features **seven careers** and a "Career Navigator" (an actual human) to help them enter the Special Education field through the 4-step process.



How to Start Your Special Education Journey

Step 1: Earn a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education or a related field

Step 2: Complete a Teacher Preparation Program (TPP) in Special Education

- The TPP will teach you classroom management, teaching strategies for children with disabilities, and more.
- When the TPP is completed, students must talk with their Michigan Preparation Provider about when to take the required testing.


Step 3: Complete required reading courses (6 semester credit hours for elementary teachers and 3 semester credit hours for secondary teachers)

Step 4: Required MTTC Testing

- Pass the appropriate Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC)
- Before taking the MTTC, speak with your Michigan Preparation Provider

Questions regarding placement, assignment, role and services allowed for individuals working under either of these options should be directed to the Office of Special Education at MDE-OSE@Michigan.gov.

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