



Pathways Forward: Navigating the Future Together

DESIGNING INCLUSIVE WORKFORCE PATHWAYS:

*Applying UDL in Transition and
Work-Based Learning*



Designing Inclusive Workforce Pathways: Building a Shared Foundation for Transition Success

October 15, 2026 (8:30 AM - 3:30 PM)

PaTTAN West Live; PaTTAN Central - Virtual

This kickoff session introduces UDL as a framework for designing inclusive transition experiences and workforce pathways. Participants will explore how schools, families, and employers can work together to reduce barriers, support learner variability, and create meaningful opportunities for career exploration and employment.



Supporting Executive Functioning and Non- Apparent Disabilities in Work-Based Learning

January 26, 2027 (2:30 PM - 3:30 PM) - Webinar

Participants will explore practical strategies for supporting executive functioning and addressing barriers experienced by learners with non-apparent disabilities. The session will focus on creating inclusive workplace experiences that promote independence, self-advocacy, and success.



Removing Barriers in the Workplace: UDL and Accessibility in Action

February 22, 2027 (11:30 AM - 12:30 PM) - Webinar

This session examines how workplace environments, processes, and expectations can create barriers for learners and employees with disabilities. Participants will explore accessibility principles and UDL strategies that promote equitable participation and success.



Safety for Everyone - Applying UDL to Workplace Safety and Training

March 23, 2027 (2:30 PM - 3:30 PM) - Webinar

Workplace safety is most effective when it is designed for learner variability. This session explores how UDL principles can support accessible safety instruction, communication, and workplace practices that benefit all learners and employees.



From School to Work - Strengthening Partnerships for Successful Transitions

April 27, 2027 (11:30 AM - 12:30 PM) - Webinar

This collaborative session focuses on building stronger connections between schools, families, employers, and community partners. Participants will share promising practices and identify strategies for creating coordinated, learner-centered transition pathways.



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With over 20 years of experience in education, workforce development, and Universal Design for Learning (UDL), Dr. Bastoni leads national efforts to expand equitable education and career pathways. She oversees federally funded projects and provides professional learning for educators, workforce partners, and colleges.



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Michelle supports educators and organizations in creating inclusive, accessible learning environments. With more than 20 years of experience, she specializes in accessibility, accessible educational materials, and Universal Design for Learning (UDL). Before joining CAST, she helped Texas schools and districts adopt inclusive, learner-centered practices.



Target Audience

Transition Coordinators, Work-Based Learning Coordinators, Special Educators, Regular Educators, School Counselors, Administrators, Job Coaches, VR Staff, Employers, Career Tech Education Staff



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