

DBVI Guiding Principles of Instruction

Purpose: Instructors employed by DBVI will provide the individual receiving training with information to make an informed choice about the best training options. This is carried out by the application of the following principles.

1. DBVI values instructors with a broad base of knowledge who have options for meeting the needs of individuals receiving services. The Department is committed to providing instructional staff with training and exposure to different methodologies of instruction.
2. Instructors will possess a functional knowledge and understanding in methods of instruction, enabling them to discuss the implications of strategies appropriate for their discipline and consistent with applicable codes of ethics.
3. Individuals receiving training services and DBVI staff will work as a team.
4. Instructors will offer recommendations for most effective methods of training based on their observations. Based on the information provided by the instructor, the individual has the responsibility to make the decision on the methodology to be used in training.
5. Instructors will provide feedback to individuals about their progress in learning skills. This will include explanation of what the instructor has observed regarding skill levels and recommendations regarding possible changes in training as appropriate. Individuals retain the right to make decisions regarding the training methodology to be utilized unless safety is an issue.
6. Individuals receiving training services will be evaluated on their performance of relevant tasks to include observations regarding safety and effectiveness. Instructors are expected to meet individuals where they are and to consider the individual's current skills when initiating training. The individual will not be required to start training at a basic level if she or he possesses more advanced skills.