

# The Uniquely Abled Academy® Replication Guide

## Element 3: Marketing, Recruiting Selecting and Onboarding Trainees

#### Exhibit 3.13: UAA Trainee Selection Guide

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#### Interviews

- Ensure that interviewers have an adequate understanding of autism to ensure that the interview is comfortable for the interviewee and productive for both parties.
- Possible Interview questions:
  - How do you feel about getting up early and being to school or work by 8:00 am?
    - Will you be able to commit to being on time each day?
  - When you are in class, do you learn best by seeing the information, hearing the information, or by doing hands-on learning?
  - Have you ever had a job before?
    - If Yes- What did you like best about it? Was there anything that was difficult for you?
  - Why do you feel that doing this CNC program and eventually having a full-time job is the right thing for you to do right now?
  - What are you most looking forward to about working at a CNC company (besides the paycheck)?
    - (This could be difficult for them to answer if they've never seen or experienced this type of workplace before.)
  - What are you most concerned or nervous about being in the UAA program?
  - What supports do you think you may need to help you be successful?

### Additional topics to address:

- Safety see if are any safety concerns
- Ensure photo and follow-up forms in the application are signed and completed.
- Tours: Give the attendee an opportunity to push the START button on a CNC machine – maybe take home a small piece that was made.



# WorkKeys:

- Address the possibility of failing/not passing.
  - Encourage re-taking and mention opportunity to participate in next cohort.
- Disclose if additional time is permitted,
  - However, if additional time is granted an individual may not be able to complete all 3 sections in one day as 55 minutes per section is standard.
- Sections include applied math, workplace documents, and graphic literacy.
  - Math is most challenging gradually becoming more difficult.
- Provide a link for preparation.
  - Consider a test-run with WorkKeys setup make sure can get results.
- WorkKeys scores scores that WorkKeys recommends for certification include:
  - 3 or higher on all sections.
- Offer test when enough applicants for cohort have been acquired as this is a great first opportunity for students to meet each other.