# VALUE REALIZED

*partners on the path
to your career*

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) helps people with disabilities achieve their employment goals. If you have a disability and want to find a job, keep working, or advance professionally, VR can help you chart your path to a career with a future in North Carolina.

## How will VR help me?

VR can provide counseling, education, training, job placement assistance, assistive technology, and many other services, depending on what you need to meet your goals for employment.

## How do I apply?

Call **1-800-215-7227** for help finding a local office, where you can fill out an application.

## Will I lose benefits if I try to work?

If you receive SSI/SSDI based on a disability and want to go to work, call **1-800-215-7227.** There are safeguards to protect your benefits while you get the resources, training and support you need to build a successful career.

## How much do I have to pay?

There is no cost to apply. Some VR services are provided completely free-of-charge to eligible individuals and VR can help you identify other funding sources to reduce the costs of other services.

For information and referrals to an office near you, call NCCAP 1-800-215-7227 or visit VR's website:
**http://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/dvrs/vr-local-offices**

## VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROCESS

**1** — **Eligibility Determination** — If a disability prevents you from finding or keeping a job, you may be eligible.

**2** — **Needs Assessment** — We'll assess your experience, skills, abilities, as well as any barriers to employment.

**3** — **Plan Development** — A VR counselor will help you establish goals for employment and a plan to achieve them.

**4** — **Plan Implementation** — We'll monitor progress, making sure that you receive the services you need to succeed.

**5** — **Ongoing Support** — When you are ready to work, we help you get hired and make sure you have the support needed to keep working.

VR helps eligible **job seekers** develop a **personalized path to competitive employment**, economic self-sufficiency and independence.

**VR**

- Healthcare
- IT Services
- Automotive
- Green & Sustainable Energy
- Business & Financial
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Advanced Manufacturing

**NCWorks Career Centers**

**Public School System**

**Vocational Rehabilitation**

**Community College System**

**Community Rehabilitation Provider**

VR **collaborates with workforce system partners** to prepare job seekers for **careers with a future.**

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