



VALUE REALIZED

*partners on the path
to your career*

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) is a state program that helps people with physical, sensory, mental, emotional or learning disabilities find, get or keep a job. Discover how VR can help you identify employment goals and chart your path to a career with a future in North Carolina.

What services does VR provide?

We provide a variety of services, depending on the specific needs of an individual. VR services are customized to help you find or keep a job, and could include career counseling, education and training, job placement assistance and on-going support, medical treatments and assistive technology.

Why should I choose VR?

VR is unique in its ability to help you maintain your current job or obtain a new job if you have a disability. We build relationships with employers who trust VR to find the qualified, work-ready candidate for their business needs. We work with you as an active partner to help you return to work.

How do I apply?

You can be referred to apply for VR services by someone else - usually a teacher, counselor or medical professional. You can even refer yourself by calling 1-800-215-7227. We'll help you find your local office, where you can schedule an appointment with VR staff to fill out an application.

How much do I have to pay?

There is no cost to apply for VR services or to find out if you are eligible. Some services are provided completely free of charge to all eligible individuals. Depending on financial need, you may be asked to help pay for some services or apply for financial assistance from other sources.

How do I know what is right for me?

If you want a career, but worry about losing cash benefits and healthcare you depend on, VR can definitely help. We have specialized counselors to educate you about work incentives and how future earnings will affect your benefits. VR can prepare you to make smart choices about your future and chart your path to employment, independence and self-sufficiency.

Will I lose benefits if I try to work?

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

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR ELIGIBLE CONSUMERS

1

Eligibility Determination

If you have a physical, mental, or emotional disability that prevents you from finding or keeping a job, you may be eligible for VR.

2

Needs Assessment

VR will evaluate your medical, education, and work history to identify disability-related barriers to employment and rehabilitation needs.

3

Plan Development

In collaboration with a VR counselor, you'll choose a career goal and develop a plan detailing the services needed to achieve that goal.

4

Plan Implementation

VR will monitor progress on your path to employment, making sure that you receive the services and support you need to succeed.

5

Ongoing Support

When you are ready, VR can help with job searches, applications and interviews. When you get a job, VR can help you keep it.

VR helps **eligible job seekers** develop a **personalized path to employment** that includes the **training and support** needed to compete in N.C.'s workforce.



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



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