

**Deaf/DeafBlind/Hard of
Hearing (D/DB/HH)
Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)
Team**



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Purpose and Mission

Purpose: The Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation's (DETR) Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation is a state and federally funded program designed to help people with disabilities become employed and to help those already employed perform more successfully through training, counseling and other support methods.

Mission: To bring Nevadans together to promote barrier-free communities in which individuals with disabilities have equal access to opportunities for quality work and self-sufficiency.

To Apply

To apply for VR services, visit:

- [https://detr.nv.gov/Page/Vocational Rehabilitation](https://detr.nv.gov/Page/Vocational_Rehabilitation) or scan QR code
- For D/HH specialty services, note “D/HH Team” in Accommodations Needed field

View VR Orientation Video

in ASL with Closed Captions:

https://www.youtube.com/embed/rZpmLb_pr2c?rel=0





+ Eligibility Criteria

- Must have a physical or mental disability
- Disability must result in substantial impediment to employment
- VR services must be required to achieve employment goal
- Must be a reasonable expectation that participant can return to work following the provision of VR services
- SSA: presumed eligible



- If needed, referrals to appropriate provider at no cost
- Income not used to determine eligibility
- Up to 60 days to determine eligibility
- Not everybody who has a disability is eligible for VR services

Cost of Services

- Consumers who have income that exceeds the basic living requirement are required to participate in the cost of services
- Social Security Disability Beneficiaries (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients are not required to participate in the cost of services
- Counseling and assessments are free of charge to participants
- For those requesting assistance w/ training, current FAFSA SAR must be on file

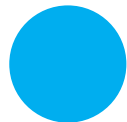


VR Process





OUR SERVICES



On a case-by-case basis including:

- Assessments of Job Skills
- Assistance with job search, placement and retention
- Restoration services related to vocational goals
- Collaboration with employers for accommodations
- Resource referrals
- Transportation in relation to VR activities
- ASL and CDI interpreter access
- Career counseling
- Post-Employment Services
- Vocational and Postsecondary training
- Occupational licenses, tools, equipment and supplies
- Rehabilitation technology
- Transition services for high school students seeking employment

Pre-ETS Services

- **Self Advocacy**
 - Counseling and guidance or trainings on self advocacy
- **Job Readiness**
 - GED prep/testing, transportation training, social skills training, vocation adjustment training, driver education training, job skills training, etc.
- **Counseling on Opportunities for Post Secondary**
 - Exploring programs, help navigating disability, navigating financial aid, etc.
- **Work Based Learning**
 - Internships, Work Experience Placement, On the Job Training, etc.
- **Career Exploration**
 - Assessments (psychological, person-centered planning, labor market info, TSI, etc.)



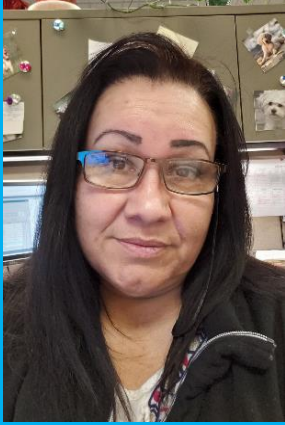


Common Expectations for VR Sponsored Students

- Maintain monthly contact w/ counselor
- Submit the following:
 - Degree plan
 - Grades on a semester basis
 - Scholarships/grants
 - FAFSA SAR on a yearly basis
 - Course schedule
 - ROI w/ school
 - Other information as applicable



D/DB/HH Adult Team



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