



Higher Education to Employment

Vocational Rehabilitation helps individuals with disabilities find meaningful employment.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) helps people with disabilities, ages 14 and older, find, secure or advance in employment. As a division of the Florida Department of Education, VR is committed to helping Florida students join the workforce after graduating from an institute of higher learning.

■ Preparing for College

If you are considering attending a college, university or technical school in order to prepare for employment, VR may be able to help. VR counselors work with the Student Office of Disability to coordinate the accommodations you need to be successful in obtaining your degree or certification. Additionally, VR may be able to provide financial assistance for eligible individuals working toward an employment goal. VR counselors can also support you in:

- Career exploration
- Self-advocacy
- Developing college readiness life skills
- Making a plan for college entrance exams
- College application training

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- Determining community resources
- Determining transportation resources
- Building relationships with collegiate advisors

Supports for Current Students

VR counselors provide guidance and counseling to eligible individuals who need help navigating their time at school. After graduation, VR is able to assist you as you prepare for employment with job search assistance, job coaching and placement services.

To learn more about our division and the services we can provide, please visit our website Rehabworks.org.

Who is eligible for VR services?

Eligibility is determined on a person-by-person basis by a VR counselor. To be eligible for VR services, you must have a physical and/or mental disability which causes a significant barrier to employment and need VR services to get, keep or advance in a job or career. If you receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for your disability and plan to become employed, you are presumed eligible for VR services.

What does it cost to participate?

VR counselors discuss financial participation with customers during their first visit. Many VR services are free but some services require a participant to share some of the service cost.

How can I apply?

Contact your local VR office to submit a referral form/

You can find your local office at [RehabWorks.org](https://www.RehabWorks.org).

Contact Vocational Rehabilitation



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