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# Programs Vocational Rehabilitation Supports

The Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) assists high school students with disabilities with individualized programs that will lead to a meaningful career path.

The programs that VR supports help students with disabilities train for a job, continue their education, or find a job after high school. Under these programs, every youth will have the opportunity to participate in sponsored career counseling, work-readiness training and fully-integrated work experiences in the community.

These services are delivered while youth are still in high school or postsecondary education to establish the foundation for a seamless transition to individualized training, education and employment.

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# Vocational Rehabilitation Programs for Students

VR supports students in both secondary and postsecondary programs using evidence-based models that have proven effective in serving students with disabilities. These efforts are increasing VR's capacity to deliver services while sustaining programs that result in employment.

VR supports students in various programs, including:

- High School High Tech;
- Inclusive Postsecondary Education; and
- Project SEARCH.

## Traditional Transition Programs

### **1. Project SEARCH**

A nationally-recognized internship program built on a collaborative partnership with the local school district, a host business and VR. It is a business-driven model designed to provide students 18-21 years old with multiple work experiences and the social skills necessary to secure a meaningful career. Florida is the highest in the nation for the number of sites. This program has historically boasted impressive employment rates for participants.

### **2. High School High Tech**

High School High Tech (HSHT) is a collaborative partnership between VR, the Able Trust and local school districts that exposes youth to high-demand jobs in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Additional

STEM exploration includes work experience and opportunities available through VR providers.

### **3. Inclusive Postsecondary Education**

Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) programs provide age-appropriate opportunities for learning, employment preparation, recreational activities, social interactions and the development of natural supports to students with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Many of the 15 recognized IPSE programs across the state offer an authentic college experience while pairing youth with peer, academic and community mentors.

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