

# ADULT CAREER AND CONTINUING EDUCATION SERVICES - VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (ACCES-VR)



ACCES-VR, which is part of the New York State Education Department, provides job search, educational, and independent living services and supports that help adults with disabilities find employment.

## Eligibility

In order to receive services, you must work with a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VCR) to determine eligibility based on the following criteria:

- You have been medically diagnosed with a physical, developmental, or emotional disability
- The disability interferes with employment
- ACCES-VR is able to help you become employed
- You require ACCES-VR's services to become employed

You may still be eligible for services regardless of whether or not you receive benefits (SSI/SSDI).

## Services Available

If you meet the eligibility requirements, you will work with ACCES-VR to develop an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE). The IPE will outline your work goal, the steps involved, and the services you will need to achieve that goal. ACCES-VR can pay for certain services; particularly those that are job training and college/vocational school related. They may include:

- A physical and/or psychological examination to determine how your disability affects your employment potential
- Career counseling, guidance, planning, and referral
- Assistance with the job search process, such as:
  - Application forms
  - Resumes
  - Interviews
- Training on-the-job, at a community college, or vocational school

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## Services Available (continued)

- Services and supports that will help with training or assessment, such as:
  - Special transportation
  - Attendants, note-takers, and interpreters
  - Books, tools, and equipment
  - Rehabilitative and assistive technology
- Assistance with service costs related to employment, such as:
  - Short-term medical intervention (not covered by other insurance)
  - Work site modification
  - Home, van, or other vehicle modification
- Job placement and retention
- Follow-up by ACCES-VR counselor to assess job satisfaction or additional needs

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