

Adult Career and Continuing Education Services - Vocation Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR)



TIP SHEET

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
- 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

Acces-VR

Rochester 109 South Ave, Rochester NY | Phone: 585-238-2900 or 800-462-0178 | Fax :585-325-2001

