

Employment Readiness and Pre-ETS Program

Introduction

VISIONS Vocational Rehabilitation Center proudly introduces a newly approved program designed to serve participants who are blind and visually impaired with developmental disabilities. This is an extended stay version of the 30-Day Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) program, which will run for 45 days. This program will help participants ages 18, up to their 23rd birthday, begin to identify occupational interests and develop an action plan to reach their career goals.

At a Glance



Young adults who are legally blind with developmental disabilities from age 18 and up to their 23rd birthday



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Program Highlights

- VISIONS Pre-ETS program is administered by VISIONS experienced professional staff and addresses all five areas of the federal Pre-ETS curriculum specific to the specialized needs of students who are blind and visually impaired while providing professional and peer support in a structured environment.
- Instruction will be provided individually or in small group sessions.
- All participants will be trained in the National Retail Federation's (NRF) nationally recognized RISE Up! Customer Service & Sales
- Family members are encouraged to visit at no cost to them and participate in a minimum of four therapeutic sessions to strengthen their support of their attending relatives and their program goals.

Additionally, This Expanded Stay 45-day Pre-ETS Program Has Been Adapted to Include:

- Hands-on instruction in soft and hard skills needed in the workplace.
- An overnight awake support staff will be provided for increased supervision.
- Job coaching during unpaid internship period
- Eligible participants will be assisted in enrolling in NYS OPWDD services.

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About The VRC

VISIONS Vocational Rehabilitation Center (VRC) is a 16,000 sq. ft. dormitory style building with single & double rooms with en-suite bathrooms. This two-story, wheelchair accessible building was designed specifically for residential programs for youth and adults with vision loss including persons with additional disabilities. The VRC also has a state-of-the-art technology center, training kitchen, dining hall, small and large meeting spaces, and a fitness center.

VCB is located at:

111 Summit Park Road
Spring Valley, NY 10977.

Frequently Asked Questions

How Will Participants Get To/From the VRC?

VISIONS provides free transportation to the VRC from VISIONS at Selis Manor, located at 135 West 23rd Street between 6th and 7th Avenues in Manhattan, NY.

Should Participants Bring Their Own Meals?

Participants receive three meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) as well as snacks throughout the day. Special dietary requirements will be accommodated.

What Does the Average Week Look Like?

Each day starts with breakfast at 9:00 am and the instructional day extends until 6:45 pm. Weekends consist of instructional sessions all day on Saturdays and Sundays in the morning. Organized leisure time and/or shopping trips are planned on Sunday afternoons.

What If a Participant Needs Medical Support?

Overnight supervision and medical support will be available during this session. We are happy to provide transportation to and from doctor appointments, and have relationships with many local healthcare providers in the area who can see our students should they need any urgent care.

What Happens After the Program?

Upon conclusion of the program, eligible participants can sit for a professional certification from the National Retail Federation (NRF) – Customer Service & Sales. Before leaving the program participants will be connected with NYS OPWDD and/or VISIONS Workforce Development to map out next steps in the job seeking plan.

If you would like to learn more about VISIONS programs and services, e-mail info@visionsvcb.org, call 888-245-8333, or visit www.visionsvcb.org