

# Accelerate Your Future and Become Work Ready!

**Summer: July 7-October 10, 2025**  
**Fall: September 15-December 19, 2025**

## **A 15-Week Residential Employment Readiness Program For Young Adults who are legally blind 18 to 22 (up to 23rd birthday).**

- Learn, collaborate and grow with a group of peers, all working towards the same goal of becoming work-ready.
- Develop and refine your vocational skills as you complete an intensive certificate program in your chosen area of interest.
- Work with our job placement staff to take the next step in your career path!

**For more information and to enroll, contact your Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in your state, or contact either:**

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## **Now Offering an Hourly Paid Work Experience Training (WET) internship.**

This internship helps students gain relevant work experience through an 80-100 hour paid WET internship with local businesses, non-profits and/or other community partners. The WET will begin on or about week 10 at 20-25 hours per week during the Fall-Winter Program. Each participant will become a Temporary Hourly employee of VISIONS and will be required to complete VISIONS full hiring process before starting their paid internship. Students are paid an hourly rate based on the Rockland County rate as per NY State's Minimum wage requirements. Weekly Timesheets will be used to track the number of hours worked per week.

**Must be sponsored by your state office for the blind and visually impaired.** This program may be a combination of remote/virtual and in person training based on New York State guidelines for social distancing. Instruction includes a weekday and weekend schedule to teach work readiness (job exploration and counseling and work-based learning), orientation and mobility, assistive technology, emotional intelligence, adjustment to blindness, and self-advocacy.

# Your Path to Success

## 1. GAIN NEW SKILLS

**VISIONS Employment Readiness & Pre-ETS Program** is carried out by professional educators who have significant experience working with blind and visually impaired young adults. Vocational skills classes may include but are not limited to:



Job exploration, resume writing, navigating the internet, learning how to use e-mail, interviewing, and listening skills



Safely navigating new environments, utilizing public transportation, and understanding the community



Learning Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and Outlook), note taking, and mobile apps, as well as device accessibility



Understanding and managing emotions in the workplace, team-building, conflict resolution, and self-advocacy

## 2. GET CERTIFIED

Through partnerships with **Rockland County Community College, Southern Westchester BOCES, and Rockland BOCES**, VRC participants can register for an additional online certificate program in these, and other exciting fields, including:



Nursing Assistant



Fitness Instructor



Teachers Assistant



HVAC Specialist



Veterinary Assistant



Web & Desktop Developer

Ask us about the rest of the **30 available certificate programs** offered at the VRC

All participants who complete the program receive a **Rise-Up Customer Service Certificate** from the National Retail Federation, and **complete a WET internship** that includes three rotations in different customer service settings, and one rotation related to any additional certificate program (if applicable).

## 3. ENTER THE WORKFORCE

Successful VRC participants complete the program with the tools, knowledge and support needed to confidently enter the workforce. Upon completion of the program, participants:



Gain relevant work experience through an **80-100 hour paid Work Experience Training (WET)** internship with local businesses, nonprofits and/or other community partners.



Work with **VISIONS Department of Workforce Development** to find a permanent job that matches their interests, skills and vocational goals.