

Employment Readiness and Pre-ETS Program

**For young adults who are legally blind,
ages 18-22 (up to their 23rd birthday)**

Summer Session: Jul. 7-Oct. 10, 2025

Fall Session: Sept. 15-Dec. 19, 2025

**The Nancy D. Miller
Vocational Rehabilitation Center (VRC)
111 Summit Park Road
Spring Valley, NY 10977**



**Pictured: Participant Destiny Castillo standing with
the head chef of Rockland Community College's cafe.**

Are You Looking To Gain Skills and Confidence To Succeed in College and the Workplace?

- Learn, collaborate and grow with a group of peers, all striving toward career success.
- Develop hands-on vocational skills through an intensive certificate program in your chosen field.
- Prepare for college with essential skills, resources, and support to help you thrive in higher education.
- Work with dedicated job placement staff to take the next step on your professional journey.

This program can **equip YOU** with the tools, training, and guidance to achieve success in college, career and beyond!

Comprehensive Training Includes:

- Vocational Training Support
- Intensive Skill Development
 - Assistive Technology Training
 - Orientation & Mobility Instruction
 - Vision Rehabilitation Therapy/Independent Living
- Emotional Intelligence
- 80-100 hour Paid Internship
- Evening and weekend recreational activities

Eligibility Information

- Must be sponsored by your state office for the blind
- 7th Grade reading comprehension level
- Type at least 15 WPM

Ready to Get Started?

Contact your Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in your state, or VISIONS staff:

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Participant Spotlight

Scan the QR code or visit
bit.ly/vrc-ayanna to watch
Ayanna's story

Your Path to Success

1. GAIN NEW SKILLS

Our **Employment Readiness & Pre-ETS Program** is carried out by professional educators who have significant experience working with blind and visually impaired young adults. Instruction includes but is 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

Enroll with local partners: **Rockland County Community College, Southern Westchester BOCES, and Rockland BOCES**. You can register for additional certificate programs in these, and other exciting fields, including:



Nursing Assistant



Fitness Instructor



Teachers Assistant



HVAC Specialist



Veterinary Assistant



Web & Desktop Developer

Ask us about the 30 available certificate programs available!

All graduates earn a Customer Service Certificate from the National Retail Federation and complete a paid internship with customer service rotations, including one related to their vocational goal).

3. KICKSTART YOUR CAREER

As a successful VRC graduate, you are equipped with the tools, knowledge and support needed to confidently pursue employment, higher education, or both. Upon completion, you will:



Have a **clear and customized employment plan**, supported by a portfolio that includes vocational certificates, a cover letter, and a resume with work experience to enter the workforce. Those pursuing higher education begin the college enrollment process.



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

Accelerate Your Future!