

INFORMATION

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CareerConnect is a Third Party Cooperative Agreement (TPCA) that is designed to serve the mutual clients of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR), Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation & Bureau of Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired (jointly called DETR-VR), and the students who are receiving services through Western Nevada College (WNC).

This program provides comprehensive career counseling services to students with disabilities who have the goal of obtaining and maintaining employment.

To be eligible for **CareerConnect** services, you must be a current client of Nevada Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services.

Contact your local office for more information:
Carson City VR: (775) 684-0400
Fallon VR: (775) 423-6568
Reno VR: (775) 823-8100



WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

Career
Connect
PROGRAM

gaining independence



through employment

----- A partnership between DETR-VR & WNC -----

 **DETR**
Nevada Department of Employment,
Training and Rehabilitation
ONE NEVADA - Growing a Skilled, Diverse Workforce

 **Nevada**
Vocational Rehabilitation
At Work for Disability Inclusion

CareerConnect can help you if.....

you're seeking employment

you're a WNC student interested in working

you're a client of Nevada Vocational Rehabilitation

you have a disability

→ *by providing assistance with*

~~UNEMPLOYED~~



- career exploration
- vocational counseling & guidance
- employment preparation
- vocational training support
- worksite monitoring
- accommodations and more...

ACCOMMODATIONS

CareerConnect and Disability Support Services have highly trained staff that are knowledgeable about available accommodations in the classroom and the workplace. Before and after the student is employed, CareerConnect staff can advocate for the student to receive the necessary accommodations to be successful.

CAREER EXPLORATION

For students who may not know the employment goal they would like to pursue, various resources and assessment tools are available that can be explored with CareerConnect staff.

EMPLOYMENT PREPARATION

We provide students with the necessary tools to become successful in their job search. Tools include creation of a master job application, resume writing, cover letter development, job search skills, online resources, job leads, interview practice, disability rights in the workplace, goal setting, networking, employer outreach, etc.

VOCATIONAL COUNSELING & GUIDANCE

We are knowledgeable about the local labor market, CareerConnect staff can assist students with their employment goals to explore and evaluate education, work history, interests, skills, and personality to assist in finding the best employment fit for each student. Through vocational counseling and guidance, the goal is to develop marketable skills to obtain employment.

CareerConnect provides services to WNC students with disabilities who are attending at least one class on campus at any campus/center of WNC (Carson City, Douglas, Fallon, Fernley, and Yerington) or web-based class and have an open case with DETR-VR.

Students can apply and will be referred to CareerConnect. CareerConnect staff will work closely with your DETR-VR Counselor throughout the referral, eligibility, planning, and follow-up processes to ensure coordinated service provision will lead to successful employment outcomes.



VOCATIONAL TRAINING SUPPORT

Students who are pursuing their training/education at WNC are highly encouraged to combine education and work experience. The CareerConnect staff assist students in securing unpaid or paid work experiences related to their training, to increase marketability upon graduation.

WORKSITE MONITORING

CareerConnect staff monitor student progress once they have become employed. Retaining the job is often the most challenging part, so the CareerConnect staff also teach job retention strategies and remain to be available to assist students after they have been hired.