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Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation Seeking Businesses to Host Fully Funded Internships for Students with Disabilities

CARSON CITY, Nev. – The Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation ([DETR](#)) Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation is launching the 2026 Summer Youth Internship Program and inviting businesses across the state to host fully funded internships for students with disabilities.

The Summer Youth Internship Program (SYIP) connects students with disabilities to short-term, real-world work experiences during the summer, allowing students to gain early career exposure, build professional skills, and explore future job interests.

This year's program offers employers the opportunity to host interns ages 17 to 22 as defined in NRS 388.5223, for a four-week internship running July 13 through Aug. 7, 2026. Funded through DETR's Vocational Rehabilitation division, the program provides meaningful work experience for students while removing financial and administrative barriers for participating businesses. Support to businesses includes disability awareness training and ongoing worksite assistance from DETR staff.

"By participating in SYIP, businesses contribute to a more inclusive workforce while benefiting from the energy, creativity and fresh perspectives interns bring to their worksites," BVR Deputy Administrator or Programs, Mechelle Merrill said. "By opening their doors, employers help students build confidence, develop professional skills and explore career pathways."

Why Become a Host Employer

- Fully paid internships: Vocational Rehabilitation covers all intern wages and workers' compensation.
- Disability awareness training: Host employers receive training to support inclusive, accessible worksites.

- Recognition as a Disability Inclusion Partner: Participating employers will be publicly recognized for supporting workforce diversity and inclusion.

Interested employers can complete the [Employer Interest Form](#) to by May 25, 2026.

For additional information, email pre-ets@detr.nv.gov or visit vrnevada.nv.gov.

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The Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation (DETR) is the state's lead workforce development department. It consists of divisions that offer workforce related services, job placement and training, services for people with disabilities, investigation of claims of discrimination, unemployment insurance benefits, labor market data and more. Many of these services are provided through EmployNV and in cooperation with its community partners.