

# Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

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The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR), is the Designated State Unit (DSU) responsible for assisting Pennsylvanians with disabilities in obtaining, maintaining and retaining competitive integrated employment. OVR's mission is to assist Pennsylvanians with disabilities to secure and maintain employment and independence. Since 1919, Pennsylvania has provided rehabilitation services to thousands of people with disabilities as a legal right and public service.

Though OVR is not a large state agency, with just over a 1100 staff; last year, OVR provided services to 72,475 individuals with disabilities and placed approximately 8,438 individuals in competitive integrated employment opportunities. **Services are provided through five (5) program areas including:**

- **The Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (BVRS)** with fifteen (15) district offices statewide and 700 staff
- **The Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services (BBVS)**, with six (6) district offices statewide and 165 staff
- **The Bureau of Central Operations (BCO)**, providing administrative, budget, contracts and grant support to the field bureaus with forty (40) staff
- **The Hiram G. Andrews Center (HGAC)**, a comprehensive training center located in Johnstown, PA with 200 staff,

- **The Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH)**, comprised of five (5) staff

### Why PA OVR?

- We have the most talented, DIVERSE and qualified VR professionals within the rehabilitation field
- Paid internships
- Paid interns begin employment with OVR as a full-time, permanent state employee with benefits (upon completion of internship)
- Competitive Salaries and Benefits Package
- OVR hired 180+ VR Professionals since 2014
- Opportunity for professional advancement within the agency
- Hands-on Training
- Offers professional development opportunities that support CRCC and ACVREP continuing education credits at no cost

### Internship Deadlines:

- **Spring Internship: Provide date of August 1<sup>st</sup> on the application**
- **Fall Internship: Provide date of March 1<sup>st</sup> on the application**

*Note: these dates should occur during the last semester of your graduate program*

## IMPORTANT NEWS!!

### Current Vacancies

**23 -Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors/ Internships**

**2-Rehabilitaion Counselors for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

**3- Orientation and Mobility Instructors/Internships**

**4- Vision Rehabilitation Therapists/Internships**

**For more information on our employment opportunities, contact OVR Recruitment Specialists:**

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### *OVR's Mission:*

*To assist Pennsylvanians with disabilities to secure and maintain employment and independence.*

*Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities*

*Equal Opportunity Employer Program*

*Don't forget to...*

