

VIBE

Venturing into Independence & Building Skills for Employment



Join the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired (DBVI) and Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) for a two-week active and engaging residential summer program!

Program Dates: July 13–25, 2025

Location: University of Southern Maine, Gorham campus, with many opportunities for community-based learning.

Who Can Participate: High school VR or Potentially Eligible students with disabilities working with DBVI or DVR.

VIBE will focus on career and college exploration, self-advocacy skills, workplace readiness, independent living skills, and hands-on learning in the classroom and community. VIBE will include a two-day and one overnight trip to Boston, where students will experience various modes of public transportation, and participate in an employer visit and college tour. Students will have many opportunities for social/leisure activities to foster fun and build friendships.

Participant Expectations

Students must

- Be independent with basic personal care needs (toileting, bathing, dressing, etc.)
- Have basic safety skills (able to stay with the group, respect others personal space and property)
- Students need to be able to manage appropriate social and behavioral expectations independently or with minimal support
- Have good physical and mental stamina: Breaks will be provided; however, program days will be busy with a lot of listening, learning, community travel, and hands-on activities.

All expenses for this program are paid for by the Vocational Rehabilitation Program. Supervision will be provided throughout the entirety of the program.

Space is limited! Registration deadline is April 30, 2025. Register here:
<https://forms.office.com/g/UFKKCGQGwx>

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