

PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Work Experience for Adults (WEXA) and Work Experience for Adults Plus (WEXA+)

OVR's Mission: To assist Pennsylvanians with disabilities to secure and maintain employment and independence.

To fulfill our mission, OVR offers a variety of services to individuals with disabilities who are considering employment. Included among those services are the WEXA and WEXA+ options:

- **Work Experience for Adults (WEXA)** – A time-limited, paid work experience geared to an individual's interests and preferences that gives the opportunity to explore the world of work, increase understanding of workplace dynamics and build employment-related skills.
- **Work Experience for Adults Plus (WEXA+)** – An enhanced approach that includes career exploration and work preparedness activities prior to participating in a work experience.

OVR contracts with community agencies to provide WEXA and WEXA+. Both services are designed to assist individuals toward competitive integrated employment outcomes.

Details:

- WEXA+ may include up to 100 hours of activities, such as interest surveys, job shadowing, informational interviews, workplace tours and instruction in employment related topics.
- Work experiences may be any number of hours per week up to 40 and may last for up to 12 weeks.
- Individuals are paid a competitive hourly wage while participating in a work experience.
- There is no cost to participate in WEXA/WEXA+ services.
- You must have a case open with OVR to participate.

Who to contact:

To learn more about WEXA/WEXA+ and other services OVR offers, contact your local OVR District Office. Please use the following link to find the office that covers the county where you live: [OVR Office Directory](#).

