

VIRTUAL SUMMER ACADEMY

for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

The Summer Academy is a two-week program for high school students who are deaf or hard of hearing and preparing for either entry into competitive integrated employment or post-secondary education leading to competitive integrated employment.

Held virtually through Zoom, the program is available to students who are deaf or hard of hearing and enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in Pennsylvania.

The program is offered by the PA Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation's (OVR's) Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (BVRS), in partnership with the PA Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education's Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) and Educational Resources for Children with Hearing Loss (ERCHL) advisory board and the PA Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH).

During the program, staff from BVRS, PaTTAN, ERCHL and ODHH provide professional instruction and classes in the following areas:

- **Assistive Technology**
to develop and strengthen independent living skills.
- **Communication and Audiology**
to enhance necessary independent communication skills.
- **Vocational Counseling and Career Exploration**
services to help define students' vocational direction and provide opportunities for students to interact with successfully employed people who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- **Social Work**
services to enhance students' social skills and provide emotional support.
- **Self-Advocacy and Self-Determination**
skills to develop and enhance each student's ability to advocate for appropriate reasonable accommodations in the classroom.

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Summer Academy application (<https://bit.ly/2Mpqltd>).



The Summer Academy for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing leverages resources from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry and the Pennsylvania Department of Education to assist residents of Pennsylvania in achieving their educational, independent living and employment goals.



For more information about the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation's (OVR's) services, please visit [OVR's office directory](https://bit.ly/3opkQbg) (<https://bit.ly/3opkQbg>) or use the QR code below to access the contact information for the district office nearest you.

