

# 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 12–24, 2026

**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, and independent living skills. VIBE will include a paid work experience for each student, as well as hands-on learning in classroom and community settings. Students will have many opportunities for social/leisure activities to foster fun and build friendships.

Students who are a good fit for VIBE will:

- 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)
- 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! Interested students should contact their VRC for more information. Registration deadline is April 3, 2026.

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