



Hennepin-Carver Workforce Development Board

Success Stories

Hennepin-Carver WDB Meeting

March 18th, 2026

Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS)

Client applied for vocational rehabilitation services on November 17th, 2022. She applied for vocational rehabilitation services for assistance with her post-secondary schooling. She has a history of working as a self-employed massage therapist. She began this business in 1999. She progressively developed loss of range of motion, weakness, and chronic pain resulting in a need to pursue another line of employment.

She registered with Northwestern Health Sciences in Bloomington beginning the program in January 2023. This is a private college that offers baccalaureate degrees. She enrolled in the radiation therapy associate degree. While she attended school, she continued to provide massage on a very part-time basis. She obtained her associate of science degree in radiation therapy in June 2025. She completed 1440 hours in clinicals through Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center in Sante Fe, New Mexico. VRS was able to assist her with relocation fees. VRS provided client with a preparatory review course to assist with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists certification examination. She needed a scaled score of 75 to pass. She obtained a 91.

She was offered a position where she completed her clinicals but chose to accept a full-time position as a radiation therapist at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital in Virginia where her sister lives and is employed. She began this position July 2025. She earned a wage of \$40 per hour, a \$15K signing bonus, student loan reimbursement up to 10K, and excellent benefits. She continues to thrive in her position learning new techniques and processes. We agreed to close her case file successfully in October 2025.