

# Consider a Career with the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE)



Meet Amelis Long, Rehabilitation Employment Specialist with the Vocational Rehabilitation Program at NDE.

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As an employment specialist (counselor) with Vocational Rehabilitation, I help persons with disabilities prepare for, find, and maintain employment. My role within Vocational Rehabilitation is to help consumers with career planning and career exploration. I also try to connect consumers with appropriate resources, including state and community programs. Each day I watch consumers reach goals and milestones originally thought impossible.

I was attracted to NDE because of its dedication to serving persons with disabilities. As a sibling to a person with a disability, I have always had a great passion for helping this population find and access resources to enhance all aspects of life. When I learned about Vocational Rehabilitation, I felt a true connection with my work and personal values.

I find NDE to be an empowering, innovative, purposeful environment in which to work. I continually enjoy training opportunities provided by NDE. I have been fortunate enough to not only learn about topics directly related to my work, but have also participated in self-enrichment programs including the NDE Leadership Academy.

## Learn More About Vocational Rehabilitation

The [Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation Program](#) helps people with disabilities join the workforce. Services are provided or arranged through an employment team and may include vocational evaluation, career planning, independent living, assistive technology, job training, and placement. District offices are located in Columbus, Grand Island, Kearney, Lincoln, Norfolk, North Platte, Omaha, and Scottsbluff, with a satellite office in South Sioux City. The goal of the program is to help people with disabilities achieve economic self-sufficiency.