



Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center for Quality Employment National Symposium on Rehabilitation Counseling Partnerships Across Rehabilitation Research, Employment, and Empowerment
May 22 - 23, 2024

Save the Date and Call for Proposals

The **Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center for Quality Employment (VRTAC-QE)** is seeking proposals, for both concurrent and poster presentations, for its conference being held in Madison, WI, from Wednesday, May 22, through Thursday, May 23, 2024. The conference theme is, "**Partnerships Across Rehabilitation Research, Employment, and Empowerment.**"

The goal of VRTAC-QE is to upgrade and increase the competencies, skills, and knowledge of state VR agencies and their affiliates toward increasing their capacity to implement and sustain employment strategies and supporting practices that enable individuals with disabilities to achieve quality employment and career advancement. In support of this goal, we are looking to bring together practitioners, academics, researchers, administrators, and policy makers to share contemporary research, issues, and future needs to advance the profession of rehabilitation counseling.

The conference will be offered in a hybrid format. Presenters must be available to present their work in Madison, WI. Select presentations will be identified by the conference committee for national broadcast while others will be provided to in person attendees. As space is limited for concurrent presentations, individuals submitting proposals will have the opportunity to accept a poster session as an alternative presentation format. Details on the different types of presentations are available at the [proposal submission portal](#).

The primary conference track will be vocational rehabilitation interventions and strategies.

Presentations in this track should focus on research or application of methods associated with outreach and engagement of individuals with disabilities in vocational rehabilitation services, obtain employment as a result of those services, or promote job retention toward career establishment and career progression.

Recognizing that readiness to work and sustainability of employment may be affected by personal and environmental factors, proposals may also focus on one of the following conference tracks:

- Psychosocial adjustment to disability
- Collaboration between federal, state, and local partners
- Health and wellness of persons with disabilities
- Community living
- Pre-service or in-service education of rehabilitation counselors
- Advanced research methods

Proposal submission deadline: Friday, December 15, 2023- 11:55 pm (PDT)

Notification on submissions will occur by: Monday, January 8, 2024

To submit a presentation, individuals can navigate to the following Qualtrics survey-
https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_72hRVUDzLFraDIA

All presenters, after notification of acceptance of their proposals, must register with the VRTAC-QE website (if not already registered) and acknowledge that they will present in person in Madison, WI. To create a login, please navigate to the following website:
<https://tacqe.com/create-account/>

