

WHITING FORENSIC HOSPITAL OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE MANUAL

SECTION III:	STRUCTURES WITH FUNCTIONS
CHAPTER 12.c:	Rehabilitative Therapies
PROCEDURE 12.c.4:	Vocational Rehabilitation Services
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PURPOSE:

The provision of Vocational Services affords the opportunity to patients who desire support in regaining or improving their work skills to prepare for community reintegration. This is offered through: individual counseling, assessment, pre-vocational training, patient work programs, supported education, community vocational programming, supported employment and follow-up.

PROCEDURE:

Vocational Rehabilitation/Assessments/Reassessments – Initial assessments are completed within 10 days of receipt of referral. Reassessments are completed with change in status/condition.

Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling – Patients are generally assigned to work with a Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist for individual vocational needs as appropriate and depending on staff availability.

Work/Education/Volunteer Program – Patients who are interested in participating in these areas would work with an assigned Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist.

Ongoing evaluation of work skills/behaviors – Patients who participate in the hospital work program are evaluated weekly. The supervisor, patient, and Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist participate in the evaluation process.

Compliance – Whiting Forensic Hospital (WFH) vocational services will be provided in compliance with all applicable DMHAS Commissioner's Policies and State and Federal Labor Laws and Statutes .