

UNDERSTANDING DISABILITIES

“Love what you do: VR’s role in gaining meaningful employment”

September 22, 2026
1:00-2:00 p.m. Central time
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Alissa Patterson *VR Counselor*

Alissa grew up on a farm near Strasburg, ND. She attended college in Aberdeen, SD, where she obtained a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology from Northern State University. There, she met her husband, and they moved to Bismarck while she completed her Master’s Degree in Social Work.

Coming from such a small community and having a disability herself, she quickly had to learn to advocate for herself and others with disabilities. This has helped Alissa work with others with disabilities to gain and maintain meaningful employment, like herself.

Alissa has been a Vocational Counselor in Bismarck for over one year.



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