



**Applicants with disabilities can access Business and Technology skills training using state of the art, proven REMOTE training by The Sierra Group.**



**Do you or someone you know desire to gain skills for a career in customer service, call center, office administration, etc.?**

**The Sierra Group, a Service Provider to state vocational rehabilitation offices and others since 1992 is pleased to EXPAND our remote Sierra Group Academy Classroom to offer a SAFE remote learning opportunity for appropriate customers throughout the Commonwealth of PA!**

**Referrals can be sent to [Seth.Acosta@TheSierraGroupFoundation.org](mailto:Seth.Acosta@TheSierraGroupFoundation.org). Online “tours” are available by request for VR counselors and customers! Do you know a person with a disability who is eager to gain skills to WORK remotely due to the COVID-19 growth of REMOTE and Semi-Remote work opportunities?**

The Sierra Group Academy’s Business and Technology Training program prepares participants to compete for jobs in tech and tech-adjacent fields -- and referrals are accepted monthly via email to [Seth.Acosta@TheSierraGroupFoundation.org](mailto:Seth.Acosta@TheSierraGroupFoundation.org) or [Janet.Fiore@TheSierraGroup.org](mailto:Janet.Fiore@TheSierraGroup.org).

**Sierra’s Vendor is available by request. The ONLINE training at The Sierra Group Academy includes:**

- Comprehensive AT and Vocational skills Assessment will specify each applicant's unique needs for online training courses, AT, and vocational skills according to their job goal, skills and interests as they relate to TODAY's labor market, post COVID-19
- Sierra Group Academy Training is 45 hours per month, average 4 – 9 months to complete
- Students need a basic computer and Internet connection. Online software access is provided by Sierra. We teach using MS Office 365
- Sierra Group Academy can specify a computer for purchase, or, in some instances, Sierra can provide/ship a suitable computer to the student at no cost

**The Sierra Group Academy** was created by The Sierra Group, one of the nation's first Assistive Technology and Business Skills training programs. The Sierra Group pairs innovative technical training with personalized vocational skills instruction, wherein graduates of The Sierra Group Academy are equipped with the skills they need to build lifelong careers filling "in-demand" jobs in customer service, IT support, call center, and office administration. Sierra's robust corporate client base add to our ability to teach and accommodate workers remotely, onsite and across the state and the nation.

**Seventy-five percent of the Sierra Group Academy program's graduates go on to achieve substantial gainful activity in careers of their choice with local, regional and national companies who are seeking to fill more remote jobs than ever before!**

**New Hybrid Onsite/Remote Structure:** during the challenging times of the coronavirus pandemic, The Sierra Group Academy's programming has pivoted to a hybrid with CUSTOMER CHOICE as its centerpiece for SAFETY. Due to COVID-19 Stay at Home Orders in Pennsylvania, we now offer:

- Remote training classes from assessment, through completion; or
- WHEN CONDITIONS PERMIT IT A hybrid option is also offered. This is where we combine the on-site/remote structure where participants who wish to attend in person may come to our Center City Philadelphia classroom to attend socially-distanced on-site classes one or two days per week and complete assignments remotely on the other days for a total of 45 hours of training time per month.

### **Eligibility**

- Applicants who apply or are referred by their vocational rehabilitation or guidance counselor must have a job goal that is in line with Sierra Group Academy's training expertise
- A Laptop or Desktop computer with Windows 10 or equivalent (or apply for a LAPTOP from our Foundation's student computer fund)
- A high-speed Internet Connection
- A high school diploma or GED; or

- A strong desire to enter the world of remote learning and remote assisted work capabilities

We are accepting applicants for REMOTE training from all of Pennsylvania and Delaware as well as other regions of the country, by request.

Learn ONLINE and/or in our socially distanced classroom when feasible.

The world of work is now hiring REMOTE and HYBRID workers. Our learning model is state of the art in this regard. Apply today to train for high-demand jobs! The Sierra Group's track record for deploying remote job support and accommodations to businesses has GROWN in leaps and bounds due to COVID-19 remote job growth.

Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis – admissions are on a rolling monthly basis. Send your referral or request for a REMOTE Tour today to

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***The Sierra Group – Disability & Employment Leaders since 1992***

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