Project SEARCH is for young adults who

- Are 18 – 21 years of age
- Have completed high school credits necessary for graduation
- Agree that this will be the last year of student services through the school district
- Apply for services through Vocational Rehabilitation
- Apply for services through the Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- Have independent personal hygiene and grooming skills
- Have independent daily living skills
- Maintain appropriate behavior and social skills in the workplace
- Take direction from supervisors to change behavior
- Have the ability to communicate effectively
- Utilize public transportation when available and/or participate in travel training to ensure success in riding the bus independently to and from the program
- Have previous experience in a work environment (including school, volunteer and paid work)
- Are able to pass drug screen, felony background check and have up-to-date immunizations
- Desire and plan to work competitively in the community at the conclusion of the Project SEARCH program

Benefits to Participants

- Participation in a variety of internships in a high-status local business
- Acquire competitive, transferable, and marketable job skills
- Increased confidence, independence, and self esteem
- Obtain on-site and individualized instruction, support, and accommodations
- Linkage to Vocational Rehabilitation and other adult service agencies
- Individualized job development
- 90-150 days of job coaching when employed

A business-led collaboration that enables young adults with disabilities to gain and maintain employment through training and career exploration

Site Locations

Escambia County
Baptist Hospital & University of West Florida
Santa Rosa County
Gulf Breeze Hospital

Project SEARCH is made possible by the following partners:

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What is Project SEARCH?

Project SEARCH is a high school transition program for young adults with disabilities. It is a nine month internship program that follows the academic calendar. It is targeted to young adults whose goal is competitive employment.

The program takes place in a healthcare or business setting. Total immersion in the workplace assists in the instruction and learning process. Interns receive continuous feedback and gain employability and competitive work skills. Each site has a certified instructor and job coaches to work with the interns and the business.

Sample Daily Schedule

(schedules may vary by site)

8:00 AM …………………………………………. Arrive
8:00 AM …………………………………………. Skills Training
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM …………………………… Internship
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM …………………………… Wrap-up
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM ……………………………. Lunch
1:30 PM …………………………………………. Depart

Skills Training

Resume Writing  Social & Communication Skills
Interviewing Skills  Presentation Skills
Job Search Skills  Money Management
Getting Around Your Workplace  Health & Wellness
Workplace Safety  Team building
Technology  Keeping a Job

"Project SEARCH gave me a job, so I became more independent and live on my own. I feel more normal and like I fit in everywhere."

— 2010 Graduate

Internships

(internships may vary by site)

Behavioral Health  Nursing Administration
Cardiac Rehab  Pace Library
Communications  Patient Transport
Emergency Room  Radiology
Human Resources  Respiratory
Life Sciences/Gym  Sterilization
Linen and Laundry  Student Affairs
Mail Room  Student Resource Center
Material Management  Warehouse
Medical Records  Women’s Imaging

How to Apply

1. Pick up a Project SEARCH application from your OJT coordinator or call a Project SEARCH site to request an application be mailed to your home
2. Tour a site in February – call a Project SEARCH site in your county to schedule a tour
3. Your completed application is due to the site of your choice in March
4. Participate in Assessment and Interview Day in April

Intern selection will be made after Assessment and Interview Day. You will receive a letter in the mail to let you know if you are selected for the program by the end of April.

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