PROJECT SEARCH





BUILDING SKILLS, CREATING FUTURES: A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO VOCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Project SEARCH is a one-year vocationally-based internship program for young adults with disabilities, generally between the ages of 18-22. It targets students/young adults whose goal is competitive employment.

In Project SEARCH, interns participate in employability skills lessons and participate in three 10-week internships across our host sites. These sites include Norwalk Public School's Project SEARCH at Norwalk Community College and Ability Beyond's Project SEARCH at Norwalk Hospital.

At each host site, students are totally immersed in the workplace, facilitating the teaching and learning process, while acquiring employability and marketable work skills. Interns work with a team including their families, a special education teacher, employment specialist, skills trainer, and host site staff, to create employment goals and provide support during this important transition time.

The end goal of this one-year program is competitive employment for each student-intern utilizing the skills learned over the course of the year.

Eligibility Criteria:

- 18-22 years of age or agency/LEA funded
- Completion of high school academic program
- Diagnosed with a disability
- Potential and desire to work in a competitive employment setting

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