



Project SEARCH Seacoast New Hampshire

Transitioning Young Adults: Project SEARCH is a work training program for young adults with developmental and physical disabilities. Through a total workplace immersion, Project SEARCH facilitates a seamless combination of classroom instruction, career exploration, on-the-job training and assistance pursuing entry level placements.

The Goal: Independent adults working in a competitive environment.

Internship Opportunities



- Operating Room Support
- Food & Nutrition
- Hotel Hospitality
- Maintenance
- Concierge
- Housekeeping
- Materials Handling & Distribution
- Patient Transport
- Pharmacy Support
- Clerical Office Support

History: Project SEARCH is a proven training program established over 15 years ago at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Programs can now be found in hospitals throughout the US and internationally.

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Unpaid internships give students the opportunity to learn the skills necessary to become gainfully employed upon program completion.

Project SEARCH is a real-life work experience combined with training in employability and independent living skills.

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Applications accepted October to February



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A Project SEARCH Day!

Each day begins with a group meeting for one hour in the classroom followed by internship and externship rotations. The classroom is located at Portsmouth Regional Hospital.

The internships are at the hospital and other businesses in Portsmouth.

Eligibility Criteria

- 18 – 29 years old
- Ready to transition to employment
- Completed high school credits necessary for graduation
- Able to arrange own transportation
- Eligible for NH VR services
- Display appropriate social, grooming and hygiene skills
- Possess basic communications skills
- Appropriate behavior and social skills in the workplace
- Ability to work in an internship without one-on-one support, only natural supports
- Updated immunizations
- Pass drug screening and criminal background checks

Internship Rotations

- The program starts in September and ends in May. There are three 10-12 week internship rotations (about 200 hours of work).
- Each student interviews for an internship rotation placement.
- A career trainer works with the student until the tasks assigned can be performed independently. The time and instruction are individualized.
- Students are evaluated by the career trainer, the instructor and the department supervisor.
- The program runs Monday through Friday from 9 am to 3 pm.
- Each day interns spend one and a half hours in the classroom and four hours at their internship.

Job Placement is the final goal of the program. Students can be employed at any time during the school year. The team, which includes the student, family, Project SEARCH instructor, affiliated school or agency representative and vocational rehabilitation counselor, meets regularly to discuss progress and issues at work sites. The team assists each student in defining a career goal.



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Project SEARCH NH Seacoast Region is located at Portsmouth Regional Hospital and is one of five programs of its kind in NH. Great Bay Community College is the educational provider. Community Partners of Dover, Portsmouth Regional Hospital and NH Vocational Rehabilitation collaborate to provide this unique opportunity to the NH seacoast region.