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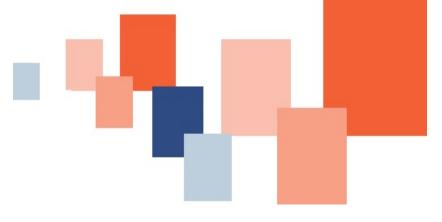
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About Project SEARCH



The Project SEARCH High School Transition Program is a unique business-led, one-year school to work program that takes place entirely at the workplace.

Total workplace immersion facilitates a seamless combination of classroom instruction, career exploration, and hands on training through worksite rotations. Project SEARCH is a non-paid internship experience.

The goal for each student participant is competitive employment. The program provides real-life work experience combined with training in employability and independent living skills to help youth with significant disabilities make successful transitions from school to productive adult life.

- Employment in an integrated setting
- Year-round work
- 16 hours per week or more
- Minimum wage or higher, preferably the prevailing wage

Program Eligibility:

- 1. 18 years or older
- 2. OOD eligible
- 3. Completed academic requirements
- 4. Student requires additional soft skill training leading to competitive employment
- 5. Students who desire to work competitively upon graduation of the Project SEARCH program

The Project SEARCH model involves an extensive period of soft skill training and career exploration, innovative adaptations, and continuous feedback from teachers, skills trainers, and employer supervisors.



Project SEARCH Intern 2018

Student interns participating in the program will follow the Project SEARCH calendar, generally based on the Lakeland Community College school year calendar.

The school day is Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Note: Times do not include transportation.

Wherever public transportation is available, Project SEARCH programs take advantage of this resource. LakeTran can provide travel training before the program begins. Qualified student interns may be eligible for a paratransit system. Most qualified student interns are eligible for reduced transit fare but need to follow the eligibility process. Even though students with disabilities are entitled to school transportation, Project SEARCH strongly recommends that student interns use this transition year to learn to navigate the public transportation system independently. Project SEARCH does not provide transportation.

The Internships currently offered at Lakeland include:

- · Food Service
- · Custodial
- \cdot Clerical
- · Campus Security
- Athletics
- Facilities Management
- Business Services
- Shipping & Receiving
- -Teacher Learning Center

For information regarding the referral process, please contact Jaina Gandolfi, Project SEARCH Supervisor, at 440.339.3606 or jgandolfi@escwr.org.

