

Project SEARCH

Transitioning Students with Disabilities to Work

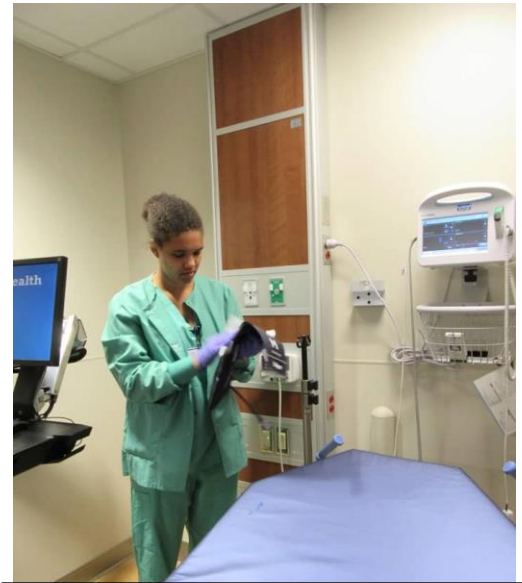
Project SEARCH is a unique business-led transition program for students with disabilities. It provides students who want to work a chance to explore careers and develop transferable job skills. The ultimate goal: Independent adults working in a competitive, community-based job.

Designed as an unpaid internship program, Project SEARCH places students into real-world situations where they learn first-hand all aspects of gaining and maintaining employment. Large organizations, such as banks, medical centers, and universities, host Project SEARCH. The process of immersion in a community-based work setting facilitates the teaching and learning of new work skills on-site, as well as encouraging the transfer of previously learned.

A series of job internships, lasting approximately ten weeks each, allows students to experience jobs that best suit their abilities and preferences. They receive individualized support through customized accommodations, modifications, adaptations, and job-embedded coaching. Job development and placement occurs based upon the student's experience, strengths, skills, and preferences.

Pioneer Career and Technology Center offers Project SEARCH through a partnership with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, and our host business, OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital. Job coaching is partnered with Richland Newhope Industries Inc. since the program started.

Students who have completed all requirements for graduation from high school may apply for enrollment in Project SEARCH prior to graduation. Participants may be 18-22 years old.



Time Required

Traditional school year schedule from late August through late May

Grade Levels

Upon completion of high school credits necessary for graduation, ages 18-22. Must defer receipt of diploma until completion of Project SEARCH.

Current Project SEARCH Site

OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital
Contact: Katie Getz,
Instructor/Coordinator

Please contact the classroom to schedule a tour: 419-526-8026

Job Internships

Environmental Services	Customer Service	Dishroom	Distribution
Food and Nutrition	Wound Care	Supply Chain	OT/PT
Outpatient Surgery	Room Service	Emergency Department	Recycling
Café Server	Café Host	Patient Rooms	Engineering