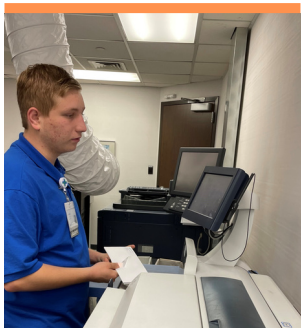
## Internships

- Cafeteria
- Cafeteria Stockroom
- Coffee Shop
- Emergency Room
- Gastroenerology
- Lab
- Linens
- Mailroom
- Maintenance Department
- Patient Transport
- Rehabilitation Gym
- Sanitizing MOB/House-keeping
- Sterile Processing
- Trash



## Businesses Hiring Project SEARCH graduates

- AMB Industries/Cleveland Hopkins Airport
- Applebee's
- Avon Local Schools
- Barry Bagels
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Cleveland Clinic
- Devon Oaks
- Discovery World Child Care Center
- Doughboy's Pizza & Wings
- French Creek YMCA
- Friendship Food Store
- Goodwill
- Heinen's
- Horizon Daycare
- JCPenney
- Keystone Pointe
- Marshalls
- Mercy Health - Lorain
- Meijer
- The Beer Head Bar and Eatery
- Towne Centre
- Walgreens
- Wal-Mart
- Wendy's
- Vermilion Library

*(Our list grows every year! We are thankful to all the businesses who employee Project SEARCH graduates.)*

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# PROJECT SEARCH

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# What is Project SEARCH?

The Project SEARCH transition program is a unique, business-led, one-year school-to-work program that takes place entirely at the workplace. The students participate in three 10-week unpaid internships. The students also receive daily instruction in employability and functional skills. This combination of instruction and immersion in the workplace setting prepares interns to meet employer expectations in competitive employment settings.

# Project SEARCH History

Project SEARCH was first developed in 1996 at Cincinnati's Children's Hospital to provide employment and education opportunities for individuals with significant disabilities.
Since its inception, Project SEARCH has grown from a single program site at Cincinnati Children's Hospital to more than 300 sites across the United States and Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland and Australia.
Project SEARCH was replicated in Lorain County in 2011.

## Collaborative Partners in Lorain County:

- Educational Service Center of Lorain County
- Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Lorain County School Districts
- Mercy Health - Lorain
- Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities
- UCP/Oak Leaf Partners

# Program Course of Study

- Getting Around the Workplace
- Health and Wellness
- Interviewing Skills
- Job Search Skills
- Keeping a Job
- Money Management
- Presentation Skills
- Resume and Career Passport
- Social Skills/Communication
- Technology
- Team Building
- Workplace Safety

# Program Objectives:

Project SEARCH prepares interns for employment in the community.

## During this program students will:

- Receive classroom instruction on employability, independent living and functional academic skills
- Participate in three 10-week internship rotations
- Work with an Intervention Specialist and a Job Coach to learn how to perform internship tasks independently
- Actively engage in job-seeking activities

# Program Entrance Requirements:

This program is application based; students are selected by a committee based on completed application materials, hands-on assessments and work/training history.

The following points are part of a list of eligibility criteria for consideration of participation in the Project SEARCH Program.

- Must be between 18 and 22 years of age
- Credits necessary for graduation (including state tests) must be completed prior to the start of Project SEARCH program year
- Meet eligibility requirements for Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR) **Required for enrollment in Project SEARCH*
- Demonstrate independence in personal hygiene, self-care skills and basic life skills
- Demonstrate appropriate behavior for the workplace and the ability to work independently with fading support
- Take direction from supervisors and adjust behavior based on feedback
- Be able to communicate functionally in order to exchange information
- Participate in background check and pass drug screen
- Provide up-to-date immunization records
- Post Secondary Goals for Employment should state that the student will obtain competitive/paid employment is an integrated community setting (based realistically on skills, interest and employability)

*(For a complete list of program entrance requirements, please schedule a meeting with your district's Transition Coordinator.)*