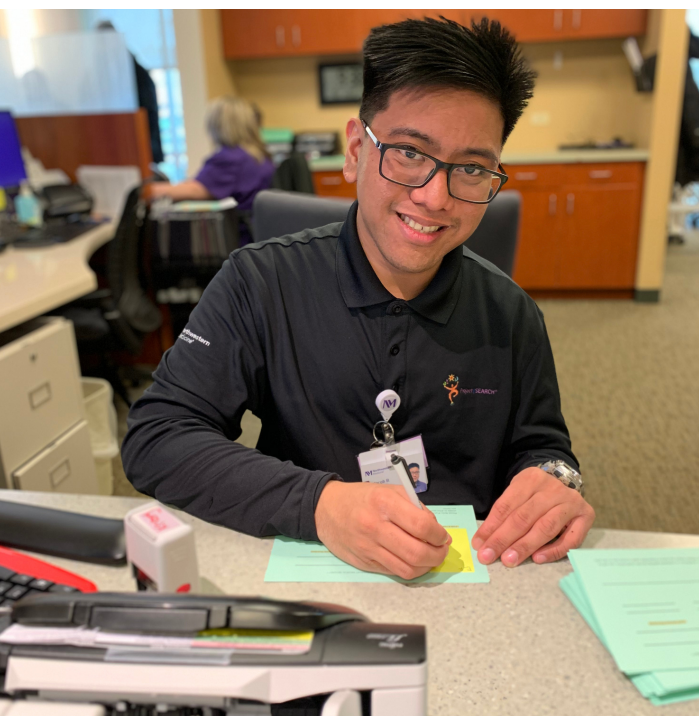


WHAT IS PROJECT SEARCH?

Project SEARCH is a unique, business-led, one-year job training and employment preparation 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 work site rotations. The employment rate of all graduating participants since 2014 is 96%. The program culminates in individualized job development. The goal of each program participant is competitive employment.



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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Have an intellectual or development disability & be between ages of *18-24
- Has the desire to achieve competitive employment and work at least 16 hours per week at the end of the program
- Is motivated to work, but is unemployed or underemployed
- Has independent daily living skills
- Has appropriate behavior and independence to be successful in a professional environment
- Can successfully complete health screen and background check
- Willing to arrange own transportation
- Must adhere to all business host site policies and procedures including COVID-19 guidelines and requirements
- ***Out of school Programs:** Has already received or prior to start of program has accepted their HS diploma

WORKSITE ROTATIONS

Each student participates in three, 10 week long internships supported by Project SEARCH staff. Project SEARCH internships at Northwestern Medicine are unpaid, and are individually created to focus on each student interns interests and work potential. Sites may include:

- Dock
- Central Supply
- Food Services & Barista
- Trayline & Dishwashing
- Registration
- Cancer Center
- Outpatient Infusion Center (OPIC)
- Sterilization
- Critical Care Unit
- Emergency Department
- Mother Baby
- Linen
- Environmental Services (EVS)
- Outpatient Lab
- Physical Therapy
- Surgical Services
- Breast Health
- 2600/3600
- Non Invasive Cardiology

CLASSROOM CURRICULUM

Students participate in a functional academic curriculum that stresses employability and independent living skills. Major classroom focus areas include:

- Team Building
- Workplace Safety
- Technology
- Self-Advocacy
- Preparing for Employment
- Financial Literacy
- Health & Wellness
- Maintaining Employment

SCHEDULE

The program year for each Project SEARCH program runs from September through May.

Example Monday through Friday schedule:

7:45am-8:45am	Student & Staff Meeting: Classroom Curriculum
9:00am-2:00pm	Internship Worksite rotations
2:00pm	Return to the classroom to review day
2:15pm	Depart

APPLYING TO PROJECT SEARCH

Applications are made available in January for each program on the Parents Alliance Employment Project Website at

<http://parents-alliance.org/page/project-search>