

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM

Project SEARCH is a unique, business-led transition program designed for students with developmental disabilities, particularly youth transitioning from high school to adult life. Students attend the program for a full school year in the host business, located on Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System's main campus. The hospital provides access to an on-site classroom that accommodates up to 12 students. The site is staffed by a special education teacher and two skills trainers to meet the educational and training needs of the students.

In addition to classroom learning, students master core skills through three, 10-week internship rotations during the school year. The students acquire competitive, marketable and transferable skills to enable them to apply for a range of jobs in which they can be successful.

MEDICAL CENTER INTERNSHIPS

- 8 Tower Neurology Floor
- 3 Tower Medical Surgery Floor
- AccessHealth
- BioMed Services
- Central Patient Transport
- Dining Services (Morrison Healthcare)
- Emergency Center
- Endoscopy
- Environmental Services
- Facilities
- Gibbs Cancer Center Lab
- Guest Services
- Ida Thompson Child Development Program
- Imaging Services
- Linens
- Mailroom
- Medical Supply
- Oncology Rehabilitation
- Outpatient Med Lab
- Pediatric Rehabilitation
- Respiratory
- Restorative Care
- Sterile Processing
- Volunteer Services (Gift Shop)
- Women's Services



The presence of a Project SEARCH High School Transition Program can bring about long-term changes in business culture that have far-reaching positive effects in the community.

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PROJECT SEARCH IS A JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN:

- Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System
- Spartanburg School District 6 (Dorman High School)
- South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department
- Workforce Investment Board



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High School Transition Program

Providing education and job training to young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



ABOUT PROJECT SEARCH

Project SEARCH is an international program first developed in 1996 at Cincinnati Children's Hospital to provide employment and education opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities. There are currently more than 611 programs across 47 states in the U.S. and 10 other countries.

Since starting in 2014, we have had nearly 43 interns participate in the program. 85% of the participants have found employment at Spartanburg Medical Center and throughout the community through the Project SEARCH Program. There are 13 active programs now across South Carolina and two additional programs in the process of starting.



*“Trevin is a delight to the patients;
He makes their day.”*

Keisha Williams, Phlebotomist, Gibbs Lab



“Makayla has been a wonderful addition to our team and brought such warmth and friendliness to our customers. She approaches every project with enthusiasm and energy.”

Jill Dugaw, Manager, Volunteer Services and Gift Shop

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Project SEARCH High School Transition Program prepares interns for employment in the community. During this program students will:

- Receive classroom instruction on employability and independent living skills.
- Participate in internship rotations.
- Improve social and communication skills.
- Work with a job coach and host mentor to learn how to perform internship tasks independently.
- Engage in job development activities.
- Upon the completion of the program, have the skills needed to obtain a community job that aligns with their vocational goals.

Entrance Criteria

The Project SEARCH application process takes place each spring. Student applicants must also meet the following requirements for consideration:

- Desire to work competitively in the community
- Be 18 - 21 years of age
- Meet eligibility requirements for vocational rehabilitation
- Have independent hygiene and grooming skills
- Maintain appropriate workplace behaviors and social skills
- Ability to pass a drug screen, background check, and be up-to-date on immunizations
- Willingness to take direction from Project SEARCH and hospital staff