



Project SEARCH – Mayo Clinic Health System

What is Project SEARCH?

Project SEARCH is a 9 month program which provides training and education leading to **integrated** and **competitive employment** for youth with disabilities. Project SEARCH is based on a **collaboration** that includes a local business, school district, DVR, disability services agencies and family. All partners are vital to the success of the program.

- **Mayo Clinic Health System** provides a training classroom and rotational internships for on-the-job training.
- The **Eau Claire Area School District** provides an instructor.
- **DVR** works with the **L.E. Phillips Career Development Center** to supply skills trainers who support the students on their internships as needed and assist with final job placement.
- **INCLUSA & TMG** (disability services agencies) provide follow along services for any eligible student who is hired at the business site or in the community.
- As family is an important part of the employment team, a **Family Involvement Program** is included.

Project SEARCH was developed in 1996 by Nurse J. Erin Riehle, then the Director of the Emergency Department at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC). As the flagship program, Cincinnati Children's Hospital provides technical assistance for replication and leadership worldwide. Currently, Project SEARCH exists at over 500 sites across 45 states and the countries of Canada, England, Ireland, and Scotland.

What are the Outcomes of Project SEARCH? (2017-2018 data)

- 69% of Wisconsin's Project SEARCH graduates employed
- 67% of all Project SEARCH graduates employed
- All Project SEARCH graduates: Average hourly wage is \$10.05
- All Project SEARCH graduates: Average employment is 20.35 hours/week

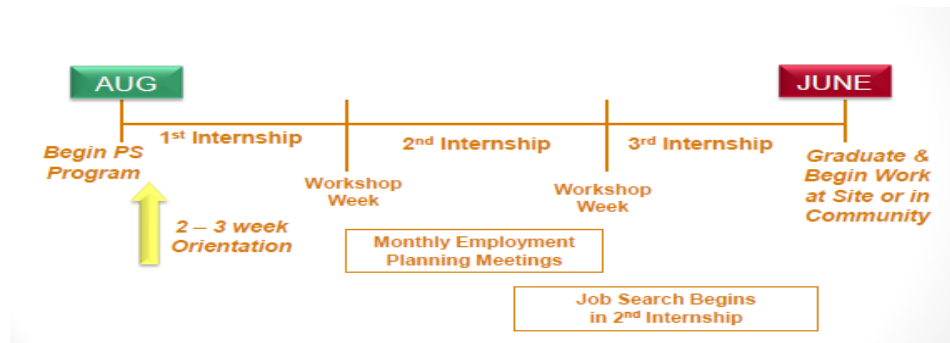




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Total Immersion at Mayo Clinic Health System – Eau Claire, Wisconsin

- The cornerstone of Project SEARCH is **total immersion** in a large business.
- Each day, students report to the host business, **learn employability skills** in the classroom and job skills while participating in **three internships** during the year.
- Students **utilize individualized transportation** to get to Mayo Clinic & Hospital.
- Students participate in progress meetings to **define their career goal and plan** necessary steps to achieve that goal – 2 times/internship.
- **Managers** at the internship sites **work with** the Project SEARCH **instructor** and **job coaches to support the students.**
- The **ultimate goal** for students upon program completion is **competitive community employment** utilizing the skills learned on their internships and throughout their Project SEARCH experience.



Project SEARCH – Mayo Clinic Health System Internships during 2019-20 **COMPLEX AND SYSTEMATIC JOBS**

Central Sterile Processing	Food & Nutrition	Public Affairs
Child Care Center	Human Resources	Pulmonary/Respiratory/Sleep Medicine
Cancer Center	Healthcare Tech Management	Rehabilitation Services
Cath Lab/Radiology	Information Technology	Security
Endoscopy/Gastroenterology	Laundry	Surgical Prep & Recovery
Environmental Services	Office of Access Management	Supply Chain
Facility Services & Construction	Pathology/Lab	Urology/General & Plastic Surgery
Family Medicine (Residency)	Pharmacy	Volunteer Services
Dermatology		





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Timeline in Selecting Interns for the 2020-2021 School Year

September – November 2019	Share Information with Staff/Students/Families
November 11, 2019	Information Night/Open House <i>Mayo Clinic Health System Auditorium – 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm</i>
January 17, 2020	Applications Due Send to Mandy VanVleet – 500 Main St., Eau Claire, WI 54701
February 12, 2020	Assessment/Interview Day <i>Mayo Clinic Health System – all day</i>
February 21, 2020	Final Decision for 2020-2021 Interns
February 21, 2020	Acceptance/Rejection Letters Sent Out





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