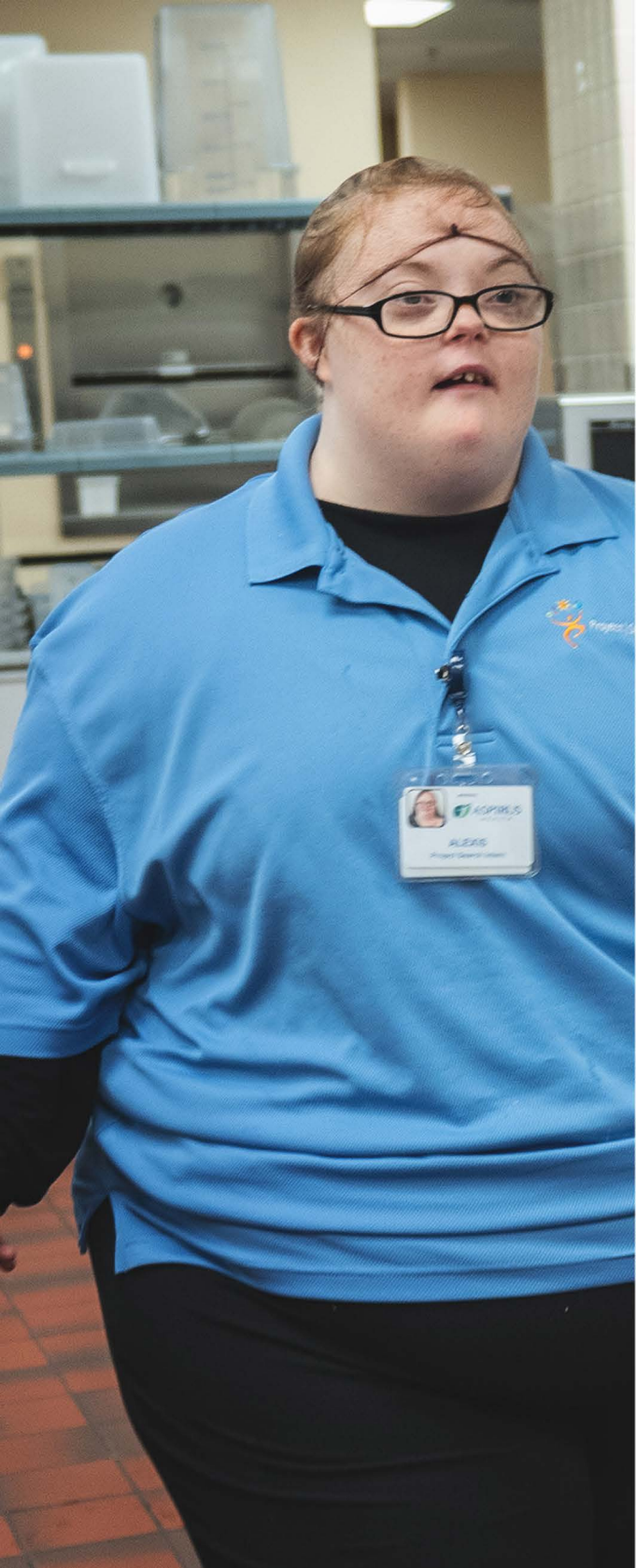


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About Project SEARCH

Project SEARCH was first developed in 1996 at Cincinnati Children's Hospital as a way to provide employment and educational opportunities for individuals with significant disabilities.

Northwoods Project SEARCH is a business-led work training program for individuals with disabilities. It is a nine-month internship that runs from September through the end of May. It is targeted to young adults whose goals are to obtain competitive employment in the community upon program completion.

Total immersion in the workplace assists in the instruction and learning process. Interns receive continuous feedback and gain employability and competitive work skills. Each site has a certified instructor and job coach to work with the interns and the business.

Program Objectives

Project SEARCH prepares interns for employment in the community. During this program, students will:

- Complete curriculum to further enhance employability and independent living skills.
- Participate in three, UNPAID internship rotations within the hospital.
- Receive training from instructor and job coach to learn how to perform internship tasks independently.
- Engage in job development activities to learn how to become a marketable job seeker.
- Complete Project SEARCH with the skills needed to obtain a community job that aligns with vocational goals. Intern will seek employment that is 16 hours per week or more.

Northwoods Project SEARCH Entrance Criteria

- **Have the desire, family support, and plan to work competitively in the community (paid, 16+ hours/week) at the conclusion of the Project SEARCH program.**
- Willingness to learn and display appropriate behavior and social skills in the workplace.
- Complete the orientation process of Aspirus Hospital including but not limited to: TB testing, proof of MMR and Varicella immunity. Hepatitis B, COVID-19 and flu vaccinations are recommended but not required at this time.
- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Have completed high school credits necessary for graduation or have a HS degree or equivalent.
- Agree that this will be the last year of student services and will accept diploma at the end of the school year (for high school students).
- Must be receiving special education services if currently a student.
- Meet eligibility requirements for Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).
- Family willingness to apply for long term support/follow along services if needed.
- Have or are working toward independent daily living, personal hygiene, and grooming skills.
- The ability to take direction from supervisors and change behavior to meet the needs of the workplace.
- Have adequate means of communicating with those around them (e.g., verbal, sign language, technical support through use of iPod/iPad, pictures, etc.)
- Utilize public transportation when available and participate in transportation training, if needed, to ensure success in using transportation independently.



How to apply

1. Complete a Project SEARCH application. Applications are provided through your school district Special Education Case Manager, Long Term Support Care Manager, and/or DVR counselor.
2. If applicant is eligible you are required to participate in assessment day. Contact Project SEARCH Instructor for further details.
3. Upon completion of assessment day and recognition of acceptance, you will be contacted with additional steps for program orientation.

Intern selection is made after assessment day. Acceptance letters are sent via mail and can be expected by early April.

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