



Halifax Health Medical Center of Daytona Beach

Stetson University

Halifax Health Medical Center of Port Orange

Opportunities Leading to Employment



Project SEARCH

Project SEARCH is a vocational training program that was developed in 1996 at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. It has since grown from the original site to a large and continuously expanding international network of sites.

Project SEARCH is a one-year internship program for students of Volusia County Schools who deferred their diploma and are between the ages of 18-21. The goal of the program is competitive employment.

The program takes place at a host business site where total immersion in the workplace facilitates the teaching and learning process as well as the acquisition of employability and marketable work skills. Students participate in three unpaid internships to explore a variety of career paths.

Student interns work with a team that includes their family, their Project SEARCH instructor, job coach/developer and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor to create an employment goal and support the student during this important transition from school to work.

The interns begin their day learning employability skills in a training room at the business site. After the class, the interns move to their internship at the business site for approximately five hours. At the end of the day, the interns return to the training room to reflect on their day, discuss challenges and evaluate progress. The goal of Project SEARCH is competitive employment for each student intern utilizing the skills they learned during the program.

Eligibility Criteria

- 18-21 years old
- Student of Volusia County Schools
- Deferred graduation and receipt of diploma
- Client of Vocational Rehabilitation

A collaboration between:

Halifax Health Medical Center of Daytona Beach
Stetson University,
Halifax Health Medical Center of Port Orange
Volusia County Schools,
Progressive Abilities Support Services,
Vocational Rehabilitation,
and Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Questions: Contact Cathy Galotti, 386-255-6475 ext. 38321
cgalotti@volusia.k12.fl.us