



Project | SEARCH

A work-site based school-to-work program that provides employment and education opportunities for students with disabilities.



**Competitive
employment
is our GOAL!**

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**Atrium Medical Center
Miami University
West Chester Hospital**

Program Overview:

Project SEARCH is a one year Butler Tech program for **students with disabilities designed to provide entry level job experiences** in a business setting. Project SEARCH collaborates with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (formerly Rehabilitation Services Commission), Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities, local school districts, and local business establishments. **Project SEARCH instruction and skill development focuses on competitive employment** and the student interns are expected to pursue employment upon graduation.

While at Project SEARCH interns will spend the majority of the day at unpaid job sites with fading job coaching services leading to independence. The intern will be given the opportunity to experience three 12-week rotations within the business site during the school year.

Project SEARCH is a full day program and follows the Butler Tech calendar. Classroom instruction is limited and will **focus on job related skills**. In order to apply for this one year program, students must complete their high school academic requirements. Transportation to and from Project SEARCH sites is provided by the home school.

Curriculum Topics:

- Team building
- Social skills
- Interviewing
- Resume building
- Job searching
- Personal finance
- Health and wellness
- Appropriate work relationships
- Self-advocacy

Project SEARCH Collaborators:



What is Competitive Employment?

Competitive employment is a job with competitive wages and responsibilities. Short-term support may be provided to learn a job but there is no expectation for long-term or daily supports.

How Do I Apply?

Each Project SEARCH site is limited to 12 interns per year. In order to apply you must complete the application with your home school district staff. The application will be reviewed by a selection committee followed by an interview. If accepted, the screening committee will determine individual placement location.

Staff Per Site:

One Instructor/Coordinator
One Lead Job Coach/Job Developer
Two Job Coaches

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