

Program Curriculum

- ▶ Employability Skills
- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Healthy Life Choices
- ▶ Job Seeking Skills
- ▶ Self Advocacy
- ▶ Goal Setting
- ▶ Job Specific Skills

Internships

- ⇒ Activities Assistant
- ⇒ Building & Grounds
- ⇒ Business Office
- ⇒ Dietary Services
- ⇒ Food Services
- ⇒ Housekeeping
- ⇒ Laundry
- ⇒ Maintenance
- ⇒ Resident Care

The Goal for Each Intern is
Competitive Employment

Business Partners

- ▶ Otterbein
St. Marys
- ▶ St. Marys City
Schools
- ▶ Opportunities for
Ohioans with
Disabilities
- ▶ Auglaize Board of
Developmental
Disabilities
- ▶ Capabilites

Project SEARCH is intended to enhance our community workforce. Please contact us to learn more about the benefits the program offers to our community.



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at Otterbein St. Marys



Internship Program

Program Overview

Project SEARCH is one year school-to-work program that takes place entirely at the workplace. The young adults participate in three 10-week unpaid internships that provide real-life work experience. The interns receive daily instruction in employability and functional skills. The combination of instruction and immersion in the workplace setting helps to prepare interns to meet employer expectations in competitive employment settings.

Project SEARCH was first developed in 1996 at Cincinnati Children's Hospital to provide employment and education opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Project SEARCH has grown to include over 500 programs across the United States and nine other countries.

Project SEARCH at Otterbein St. Marys began in the fall of 2017.

Typical Day

8:00 am—8:10 am Morning Huddle

8:10 am—1:00 pm Internship Sites
(half hour lunch with department)

1:00 pm—2:00 pm Employability Training

Program Eligibility

The following guidelines for eligibility are recommended for student candidates:

- ▶ Desire to achieve competitive employment in a business setting working 16 hours/week or more; making minimum wage or higher; and year-round work (not seasonal employment)
- ▶ Desire to work and develop strong work ethics
- ▶ Age 18 to 22 years of age with an identified disability
- ▶ In last year of school-age services and has met all other requirements of their Course of Study
- ▶ Meet eligibility requirements for vocational services with OOD (* required for acceptance to program*)
- ▶ Ability to pass a drug screen, background check, TB test
- ▶ Willing to provide own transportation
- ▶ Agreeable to defer diploma until completion of the program



Application Process

What do I do now?

1. Take a tour of Project SEARCH at Otterbein or attend the Open House in the fall (call for date and time).
2. Discuss the plan with your school district representative, OOD Counselor, DD service providers or IEP manager.
3. Complete the application and submit by deadline, March 1st.
4. Attend a working interview session.
5. If accepted, revise IEP at end of current school year to reflect the acceptance into Project SEARCH for the fall.
*Acceptance into the program is evaluated by a committee.

To schedule a tour or inquire more about the program, contact:

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