

The Project SEARCH High School Transition Program is an internationally acclaimed, totally unique school-to-work program. Over the course of one year, we help young adults ages 18 through 21 with developmental disabilities – including autism spectrum disorders – transition from high school to competitive employment and productive adult lives.

Project SEARCH was founded in 1996 at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Since then it has grown to nearly 600 programs around the world – and we're proud to offer a National Award-winning program right here in South Jersey.

At Jefferson Health's state-of-the-art complex in Cherry Hill, interns prepare for competitive employment under the guidance of state agencies, educators, parents and local business leaders. Project SEARCH interns are fully immersed in the workplace culture, gaining real life experience, learning transferable skills and acquiring hands-on knowledge.



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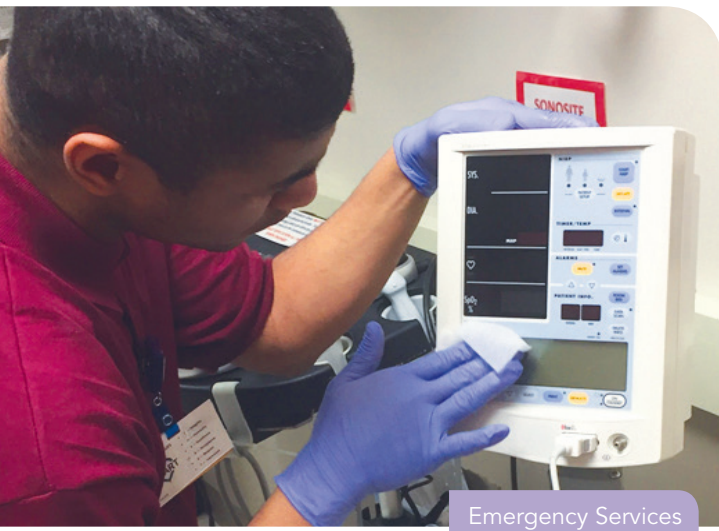
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Ready for a 10-month challenge in your final year of school? Willing to prepare every day for competitive employment? Eager to be part of an award-winning program that leads the way to a job that's right for you? Then you're right for Project SEARCH at Jefferson Health.

Project SEARCH **believes** in your job aspirations. Prepare to reach them.



Emergency Services

*"What I really enjoy most about Project SEARCH is the diversity of learning opportunities, because we get the chance to work in many different departments to learn the skills and techniques in a variety of tasks."*  
 – Project SEARCH graduate

## Launched in September 2016,

Project SEARCH at Jefferson Health was the FIRST site of its kind in South Jersey. It's the **ONLY** program in New Jersey **SPECIALIZING** in autism spectrum disorders, with a focus on aspirational employment.

Since then, Project SEARCH at Jefferson Health has won National honors each year for its stellar success rate of high employment outcomes annually with a program average above 80%. And in July 2020, the program received international recognition by winning the Project SEARCH Spotlight on Innovative Employment Award.

## What does a Project SEARCH internship look like?

The Project SEARCH experience is an internship unlike any other. Students work alongside knowledgeable professionals, and receive on-site instruction from a certified teacher and skills trainer on team building, workplace safety, technology, maintaining employment and self-advocacy.

Interns receive:

- Total workplace immersion, working full days onsite at Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital
- Hands-on training and aspirational career exploration and preparation for competitive employment
- Instruction from a NJ-certified special education teacher to foster independence, build social skills and transition readiness
- Integrated state agency support
- Access to a vibrant Business Advisory Council with the region's top business leaders for networking opportunities

## Unparalleled Autism Expertise

Project SEARCH at Jefferson Health in Cherry Hill is the only program in New Jersey specializing in autism spectrum disorders. In fact, we are one of only four programs nationwide with Autism Enhancement Training provided by NEXT for Autism.



Mailroom

## How Do I Apply for Project SEARCH?

Eligible students are referred to the program through their school districts, and selection is carried out by members of the Project SEARCH Steering Committee. Space is limited, so we urge interested students to apply as early as possible. The following guidelines are required for student candidates:

- Age 18-21
- Completed high school credit requirements for graduation
- Possess a strong desire to work in a competitive job in the community
- Access to reliable transportation
- Last year of high school entitlement (approaching age 21)
- Students must be referred by their school districts



Pharmacy Department



Outpatient Admissions

## Interested in Project SEARCH?

Looking for a transition program for your child? Project SEARCH at Jefferson Health is now accepting applications through Y.A.L.E. School.

**Call 856-482-5252 x 373 or email [kslater@yaleschoolnj.com](mailto:kslater@yaleschoolnj.com) for more information.**

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