

## Project SEARCH at Wayne Memorial Hospital









Project SEARCH is a one year, school-to-work program for students in their final year of high school. Each student trains in three internship rotations at Wayne Memorial Hospital to prepare them for competitive integrated employment. This program teaches the individual transferable employment skills that can increase the chances of employment after graduating high school.

Wayne Memorial Hospital, Wayne Highlands, Western Wayne, and Wallenpaupack School Districts have partnered with the Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Wayne County Behavioral and Developmental Programs and Early Intervention, and Living Unlimited to bring this amazing program to Wayne County.









Project SEARCH has grown from one original program site at Cincinnati Children's Hospital to 500 programs across 45 states and nine countries. The Project SEARCH model involves an extensive period of training and career exploration, innovative adaptations, long-term job coaching, and continuous feedback from teachers, job coaches, and employers. As a result, at the completion of the training program, students with intellectual disabilities are employed in nontraditional, complex and rewarding jobs.

Project SEARCH's primary objective is to secure competitive employment for people with disabilities.





To learn more, check out the new "Project SEARCH 101," a 20-minute introductory course to the model. This video version of Project SEARCH 101 is available to the public. It can be can be accessed via this page of the Project SEARCH website: <a href="http://projectsearch.us/">http://projectsearch.us/</a> EDUCATION/ProjectSEARCHAcademy.aspx