

Project SEARCH

Mayo Clinic Health System

What is Project SEARCH?

Project SEARCH is a 9 month high school transition program that provides training and education leading to integrated and competitive employment for youth with disabilities.

The Application Process

- Interns fill out and submit a written application
- Teacher's assessment of Applicant is also filled out and sent
- Student's participate in an interview and assessment day at Mayo Clinic
- Project SEARCH Committee meets and selects students
- Acceptance phone call, letters and emails are sent out

Total Immersion

- Each day, students report to Mayo Clinic and Hospital to learn employability skills in the classroom and job skills while participating in three - 10 week (unpaid) internships during the school year.
- Worksites are assigned based on the intern's previous work experience, interest, preferences, and assessments.
- Students participate in progress meetings to define their career goal and plan necessary steps to achieve that goal. This includes DVR Services, family engagement opportunities, and IEP progress monitoring.
- Managers, instructors and job coaches support the students.

Why we are SO excited...

- Derek is the **first** Stanley-Boyd School District student to participate in Project SEARCH!
- Derek was **1 of 12 applicants** to be selected...typically 14-16 apply each year.
- **SEVEN** area school districts will have participants.
- Derek will gain real-life work experience with training in employability and independent living skills.

What are the outcomes of Project SEARCH?*

- 88% of Wisconsin's Project SEARCH graduates employed
- 75.5% of all Project SEARCH graduated employed
- All Project SEARCH graduates:
 - Average hourly wage is \$9.61
 - Average employment is 25.4 hours/week

*2014-2015 data

Ultimate Goal

The ultimate goal for students upon program completion is
COMPETITIVE COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT
utilizing the skills learned on their internships
and throughout their Project SEARCH experience.

Thank you for your time!

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