



# Project | SEARCH<sup>®</sup>

**COMPETITIVE EMPLOYMENT IS OUR GOAL!**

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





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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, 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 skill training 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
- Work Place Safety
- Technology
- Self-Advocacy
- Maintaining Employment
- Financial Literacy
- Health and Wellness
- Preparing for Employment

### Staff Per Site:

- One Instructor/Coordinator
- One Lead Skills Trainer/Job Developer
- Two Skills Trainers

### What is Competitive Employment?

Competitive employment is a job with competitive wages and responsibilities for a minimum of 20 hours per week. 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 selection committee will determine individual placement location.

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