Find your road to independence.

Students enrolled in Project SEARCH™ learn transferable employability skills necessary in the world of work such as, the business office, maintenance, food preparation, and environmental service. Student interns complete three ten-week internships within the facility with the goal of competitive employment upon graduation.
COURSE TITLE: Project SEARCH®

Learn the skills to obtain gainful employment.

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Project SEARCH® is an internationally recognized transition program for individuals with developmental disabilities who are interested in training and preparing for competitive employment. Students attend the program for one year at a business and industry approved site. The program provides real world training, career exploration, innovative adaptations and long-term job coaching, with the goal of obtaining gainful employment upon completion of the program.

COURSE CONTENT
Team Building
Getting Around Your Workplace
Workplace Safety
Social Skills
Presentation Skills
Money Management
Job Search Skills
Resume Writing
Technology
Keeping a Job
Communication Skills
Interviewing Skills
Health and Wellness
Independent Travel Training

INTERNSHIP ROTATIONS
Through a series of three targeted internships, the students acquire competitive, marketable and transferable skills to enable them to apply for a related position. Students also build communication, teamwork and problem-solving skills which are important to their overall development as a young worker. Internship rotations begin a few weeks after the start of the program. Students are assigned a mentor who interacts with the instructor, job coaches, and the student as a consistent source of guidance and feedback. Students spend approximately five hours each day at the internships including a thirty-minute lunch. Working from a task list, they acquire the core skills necessary to be hired in an entry-level position at a business in the community. Job coaches and department staff collaborate to provide support for students. The Project SEARCH® staff delivers the training and develops job accommodations and standard work procedures. Once the students master the core skills, additional skills are layered to improve their marketability.

COLLABORATING AGENCIES/SERVICE PROVIDERS
Eastern Suffolk BOCES Business and Industry Partners
Abilities, Inc.
Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR)
Office of Persons with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Recommend a minimum of one year of Special Career Education
Recommendation of Special Education teacher

Quote from program graduate –
"Very, very good."

Quote from program graduate –
"Awesome."

Human Services/Retail and Operations
- Retail Store Services (ICC)
- Health Related Occupations (ICC)
- Project SEARCH® (ICC)