

Project SEARCH is a one-year internship program for students with disabilities, between the ages of 17-22. Targeted for students whose goal is competitive employment.

- Located at Embassy Suites Minneapolis Airport where the intern is immersed in all areas within the hotel.
- Interns participate in three, 12 week rotations within the hotel to explore a variety of career paths and acquire employability and marketable work skills.
- Interns work with a team that includes their family, Project SEARCH instructor, Skills Trainer and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor to create an employment goal and support the student during the transition from school to work.
- Each day begins with an hour of classroom instruction with the Project SEARCH Instructor and Skills Trainer.
- Afterwards, interns move into a 5-hour internship rotation within Embassy Suites. At the end of the day, interns return to the classroom room to reflect on their day, discuss challenges and evaluate progress.
- Interns receive direct instruction in: Communication, Leadership, Financial Literacy, Critical Thinking, Self-Management, Problem Solving, Decision Making, Flexibility, and Teamwork.

The goal of **Project SEARCH** is competitive integrated employment for each intern!

Project SEARCH Facts and Statistics:

- ★ 76% of interns gain competitive integrated employment.
 - This is higher than any other effort we have in MN!
- ★ Interns average 25 - 40 hours of work per week upon completion of the program.
- ★ Average hourly wage for interns is above minimum wage, between \$11.00 - \$16.00 per hour.
- ★ All Interns have robust wrap around services to include:
 - Bloomington Public Schools Instructor, Skills Trainer and Supervisor
 - County Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, County Social Worker, Placement provider, and Business mentors
- ★ Project SEARCH supports the MN Olmstead Plan for our youth with disabilities to gain competitive integrated employment.

Application Link: <https://forms.gle/7ptdS5qZ7HsK1itT6>

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