



Project SEARCH Virginia

Project SEARCH is a one school-year transition program designed for students with most significant disabilities. It includes a variety of work experiences provided within a host business and is a program where the main goal is integrated competitive employment

There are currently 20 Project SEARCH programs in VA.

Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital	Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center	Novant Health Prince William Medical Center
Bon Secours St Mary's Hospital	Sentara Norfolk General Hospital	Inova Alexandria
Bon Secours Memorial Regional Hospital	Carilion Clinic	Chesapeake Regional Medical Center
Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center	Carilion New River Valley Medical Center	Centra Lynchburg Hospital
Sentara CarePlex Hospital	Clinch Valley Medical Center	National Conference Center – Loudoun
Augusta Health	VCU Health System (VCU Hospital)	Valley Health Winchester Medical Center
Mary Washington Healthcare	Joint Base Langley/Ft Eustis	

Key Partners

Host Business provides an on-site classroom and a variety of internships that teach core skills related to that business or organization.

School District provides an instructor, employability skills curriculum and student interns from their affiliated schools.

Vocational Rehabilitation provides individual career guidance, job coaching and other supports for each student to gain competitive employment.

Supported Employment Agency provides job coaching and job development for student interns at the host business and in their initial job.

Key Concepts

Collaboration with a Host Business, Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, Employment Service Organizations

Braided funding

Immersion and impact

Training in real work settings

Low risk, low cost for business

Hiring students who are “good fit”

Outcomes for Students in Project SEARCH in Virginia

Over 1100 students have participated in Project SEARCH since its inception in 2008

The Median wages for Project SEARCH graduates in 2018 is \$11.00 per hour and work an average of 27 hours per week.

DARS has an 82% rehabilitation rate for PS students.

This web address will take you to an in depth video on Project SEARCH http://youtu.be/rsHi_-4iylk

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