



Empowering Future Careers for Young Adults with Disabilities

Project SEARCH is an innovative transition program designed to help young adults with disabilities prepare for and secure meaningful employment. The program combines classroom instruction with hands-on work experience, providing students with the skills and support needed to thrive in the workforce.

- *Real-World Experience:* Internships at top local employers like Nebraska Medicine, CHI Health, and other community partners.
- *Supportive Learning Environment:* Guidance from dedicated instructors and job coaches.
- *Focus on Employment:* Empowering students to achieve competitive, integrated employment.



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The UNMC Nebraska Medicine Project SEARCH program was established in 2015 to create unpaid internship opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The program aims to help participants gain knowledge and skills that may lead to paid employment. Targeting job seekers aged 20 and older, this 10-month program provides total immersion in a business setting. Potential interns are typically in their last year of transition or currently receiving adult developmental disability vocational services.

The program combines classroom instruction, career exploration, and hands-on training through three 10-week internship rotations at different sites. A successful outcome for participants is achieving competitive employment either on campus or in the community.



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A Comprehensive Approach to Career Success

- **Internship Opportunities:** Students complete multiple internships in various departments, gaining valuable work experience, including healthcare, IT, hospitality, and more.
- **Life Skills Development:** In addition to professional skills, participants build important life skills like time management, communication, and workplace etiquette.
- **Strong Community Partnerships:** Project SEARCH collaborates with local employers, schools, and community organizations to create pathways to employment.



65+

clients accepted into Project SEARCH since inception

92%

graduation rate

88%

competitive employment rate among graduates

Transforming Futures Together

Interested in enrolling or learning more about Project SEARCH in Omaha?

- **Eligibility:** Students aged 18-24 with disabilities seeking employment and have completed high school
- **Enrollment:** Contact the Project SEARCH Omaha team for application details and upcoming information sessions.
- **Support:** Dedicated career coaches and employers work with students every step of the way.

We build confidence and celebrate successes—preparing young adults for a lifetime of maximized independence.