



Project SEARCH

Information Session



About Project SEARCH



Started in
1996

www.projectsearch.us

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Countries

650
in the United States

20
in Virginia



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What is Project SEARCH?



One-Year Program



**Competitive, Integrated
Employment**



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Prince William County Schools Project SEARCH Sites

- Westminster at Lake Ridge, Lake Ridge, VA
- UVA Prince William Medical Center, Manassas, VA



Project SEARCH Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxpvi1L6O_M



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Who is Eligible?

Students aged
18-22
with ID/DD



Prince William County
Public Schools

**Have the
Desire to
Work!**



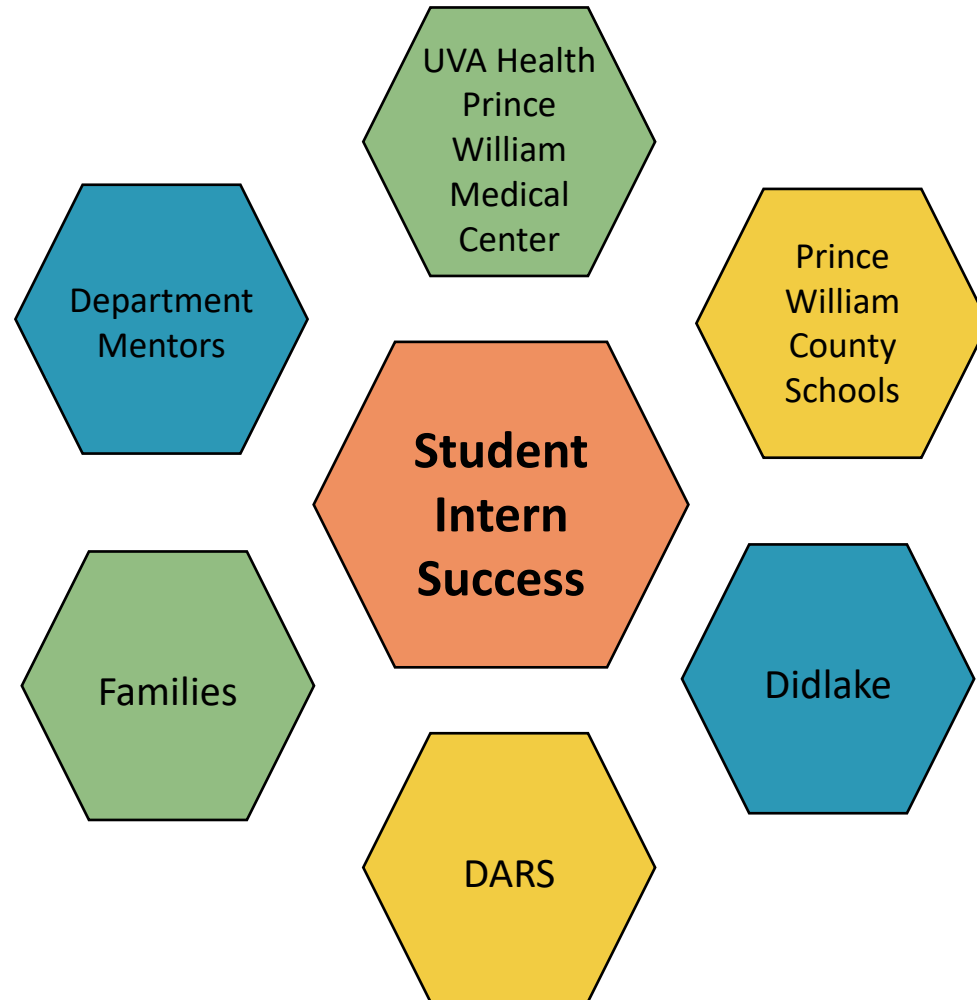
Open Case
with DARS

**Intermittent
Supervision**



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Partners in Project SEARCH





UVA Health



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High School
Interns

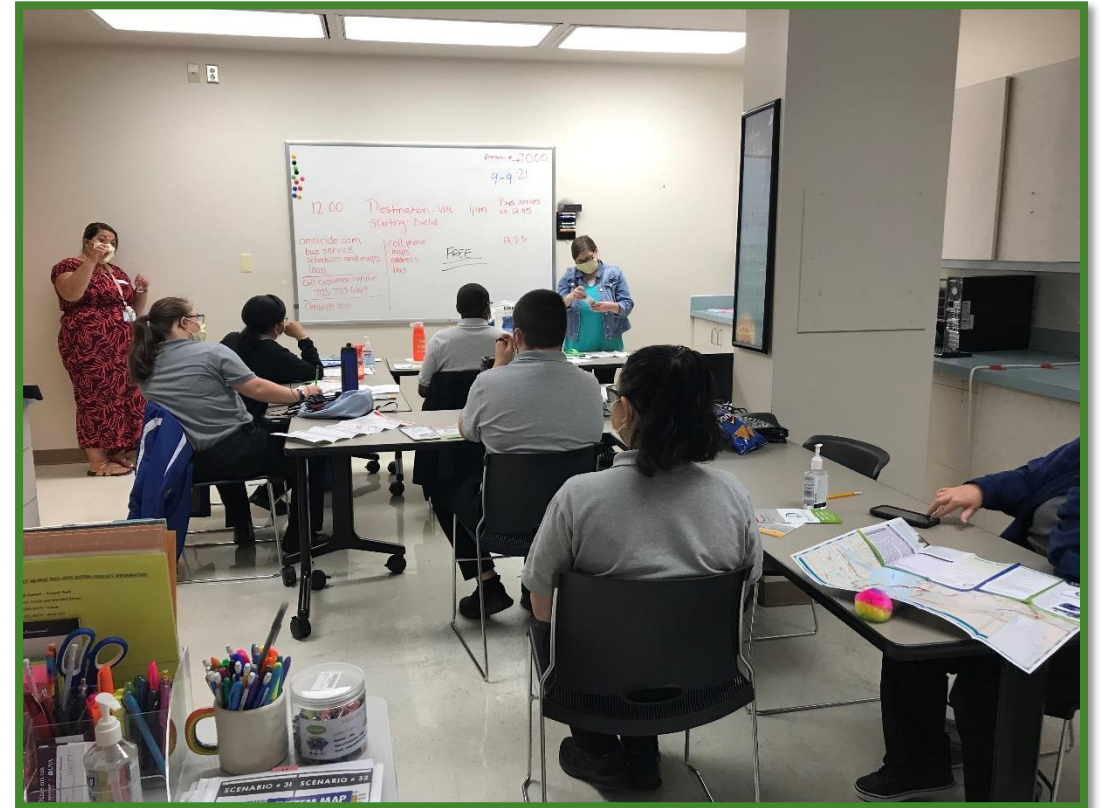
- Soft skills and real-life work experiences
- Hands-on work experience
- Community service
- Team-building
- Participate in hospital activities



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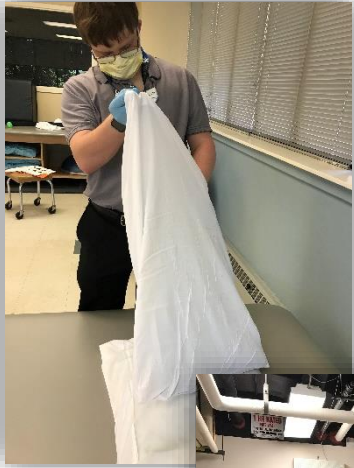
Types of In-Class Lessons

- Taking responsibility
- Work relationships
- Resume writing
- Sending professional emails
- Appropriate workplace behaviors
- Constructive criticism
- Applying for jobs



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Sample Internships



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A Typical Day

(Hours vary depending on arrival of transportation)

8:00 am : Arrival

8:15 am – 9:00 am : Classroom Lesson

9:00 am – 12:00 pm : On-the-floor internships

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm : Lunch

12:30 pm – 1:00 pm : Classroom re-cap

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm : On-the-floor internships

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm : Team Meeting and dismissal



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Additional Information



Attend for 1 Year



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Benefits to Students

Acquire work and social skills

Learn transferable work skills

Job exploration

Learn appropriate interactions in the workplace

Facilitates transition from school to work



We Ask the Interns

What Are Your Plans?



What Are Your Dreams?



What Are Your Skills?



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How Can I Learn More?

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