



Celebrating 10 Years of Project SEARCH at Augusta Health!

For the past decade, Project SEARCH has been empowering young adults with disabilities by helping them build confidence, workplace skills, and pathways to meaningful employment.



What is Project SEARCH?

Project SEARCH is a business-led, Transition-to-Work program that takes place entirely on-site at Augusta Health. Students spend one academic year fully immersed in the workplace while learning real-world job skills.

Participants engage in:

- Classroom instruction
- Career exploration
- Hands-on job training through department rotations
- Individualized job search and employment support



Our Local Partnership

Your local Project SEARCH team is a collaboration between:

- Augusta County Schools
- Staunton City Schools
- Waynesboro City Schools
- DARS (Department for Aging & Rehabilitative Services)
- Augusta Health

Together, we support post-high school graduates in the Valley with intellectual and developmental disabilities, helping them gain job skills, build confidence, and achieve enjoyable employment.



Our Impact

- 10 years partnered with the community
- Training across many hospital areas
- Graduates successfully placed in long-term employment
- A more inclusive workforce and workplace culture



Our Mission

To prepare young adults with disabilities for competitive, integrated employment by building skills, independence, and confidence — all while contributing to meaningful work across Augusta Health.



How it Works

Students rotate through departments such as:

- Environmental Services
- Nutrition Services
- Materials Management
- ...and more!



Why it Matters?

- Project SEARCH creates opportunities.
- It highlights abilities, not limitations.
- And it strengthens our workforce and our community.



Questions or want to Learn More?

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Thank you for celebrating 10 years of growth, success and inclusion!