

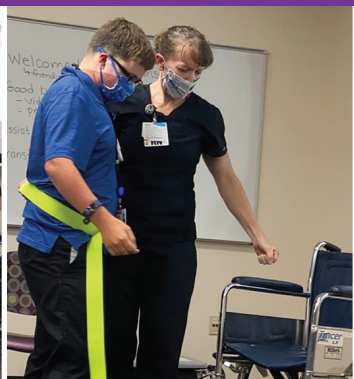


Project SEARCH

News about a Career-Technical Education Program from the Six District Educational Compact



Students learn the importance of safe body mechanics taught by Summa's RN educator.



An intern receives interview training from a Job Coach



Michael Dodson, Program Coordinator

Project SEARCH is a collaborative, site-based Six District Educational Compact initiative that has partnered with Summa Health since 2005. The program helps qualified students make a successful transition from school to the world of work by experiencing hands-on-training in the hospital setting. Under the guidance of the Program Coordinator and qualified Job Coaches, students gain work and employability skills that prepare them for interviews and various job duties required throughout their work rotations.

Student interns spend a school year rotating through job experiences based on their interest and abilities. Rotation sites include laundry, shipping and receiving, patient transport, food and nutrition, radiology, parking services, environmental services and others. Interested students may also gain experience and knowledge of the nursing assistant job. Those students with a desire to work with children can experience a rotation at the **YMCA Hope Early Care and Education Center** located just north of the hospital campus. Students have also worked at the **Kohl Family YMCA** located on the hospital campus.

The Program Coordinator also assists students to network with adult service agencies such as their county Developmental Disabilities Board and/or Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (ODD). Project SEARCH also partners with SARTA which offers travel training to facilitate independence for the students. At the completion of the program, each intern will receive a Career Passport that includes a resume, letters of recognition and other important certificates. Project SEARCH completers consistently gain employment at Summa or at outside employment related to their training. Recently, the Compact's Project SEARCH team earned the **Excellent Employment Outcome Award** recognizing that the 2019-2020 cohort achieved between 70% - 90% employment upon completion of the program!

New Program Coordinator

The 2021-2022 school year welcomed **Michael Dodson** as the new Project SEARCH Program Coordinator. Michael joins Project SEARCH with extensive experience in job training and special education. Michael's background includes work as a job coach at the Cuyahoga East Vocational Education Consortium (CEVEC) in Mayfield Heights and most recently as a special education small group instructor at Mayfield Middle School. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from Cleveland State University and earned his special education teaching license from Lake Erie College. As the Program Coordinator, Michael works with each student, family and district Intervention Specialist to find the right work rotations and experiences for each student.



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2021-2022 Project SEARCH Interns



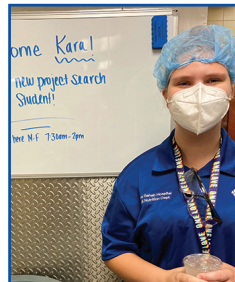
Paul Schofield



Logan Tausch

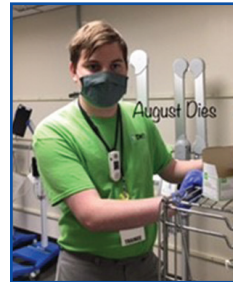
Paul Schofield (Hudson) and **Logan Tausch** (Cuyahoga Falls), are completing rotations in the Laundry department at Akron City Hospital. Duties in this department vary from unloading clean linen in bins to packing linen carts specific to each department's needs. They also learn how to gather dirty linen from throughout the hospital campus to be sent out to be laundered.

Maekara Laughman (Woodridge) is participating in her first rotation in the kitchen at the Summa Rehab Hospital. Kara is learning how a hospital kitchen prepares and delivers specialized meals for their rehab patients with varied nutritional needs.



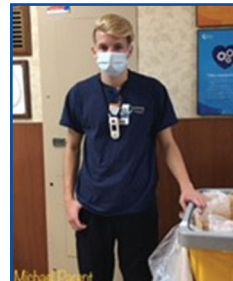
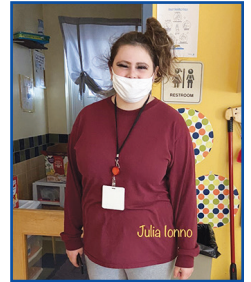
Following a week-long class for Delegated Caregivers provided by Summa, **Sadie Harouny** (Cuyahoga Falls) is completing a rotation on a surgical floor as a nursing assistant. She is learning how nursing assistants help the nurses provide quality care to their patients.

Grant Buzzelli (Woodridge) is working as an intern in shipping and receiving. Grant is learning the logistics from when items arrive on a truck to when they are delivered to specific departments throughout the hospital.



August Dies (Cuyahoga Falls) is in a rotation in Disinfectant Management Technologies (DMT) where he is learning how reusable durable medical equipment is properly sterilized.

Julia Ionno (Hudson) is currently working at the YMCA Hope Early Care and Education where she is learning about the developmental needs of children.



Michael Parent (Tallmadge) is completing a rotation in Environmental Services. He is learning the daily tasks of keeping the patient and public areas of the hospital clean and safe for its patients and visitors.

Paige Fisher (Stow-Munroe Falls) is completing a rotation in the main hospital kitchen where she is learning how food is prepared and delivered to the patients.



Success Stories



Phoenix Hardgrove, 2017 Project SEARCH completer from Stow-Munroe Falls is a diagnostic radiology imaging associate at Summa Health - Akron.

Donovan Wadsworth, 2020 Project SEARCH completer from Stow-Munroe Falls is currently working as a Dietary Aide at a skilled nursing facility in Cuyahoga Falls.



Zachary Long, 2009 Project SEARCH completer from Cuyahoga Falls began his career at Summa Health - Akron as a patient Transporter. Over the years he became one of the department trainers where he trained all new hires, as well as any Project SEARCH students in the Patient Transport department.

Recently Zach was promoted to a work leader in the Vascular Department.

Sarah Platt, 2020 Project SEARCH completer from Hudson, was hired in Virtues Restaurant located in the campus of Akron City Hospital.



Alexandria Cole with supervisor, Charlene Hill

Alexandria Cole, 2020 Project SEARCH completer from Woodridge, will be celebrating her 2-year anniversary working for Summa at Summa's Rehab Hospital. Allie was hired after her supervisors saw her passion and positive work ethic following her Project SEARCH rotation.

Dayven Davis, 2021 Project SEARCH completer from Cuyahoga Falls, was hired at the Kohl Family YMCA following his rotation in 2021.



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