

ADULT PROGRAMS INFORMATION NIGHT



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Please click on this link to participate:

<https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/91750987971>

Please address questions about Project SEARCH to: Danny Matthews at DTMatthews@utmck.edu or Vanessa Brown at vbrown@etch.com

Discover Project SEARCH, a unique internship program designed for adults with disabilities. Project SEARCH is a business-led collaboration that enables adults with disabilities to gain and maintain employment through training and skills acquisition! There are two adult Project SEARCH programs in Knoxville; at East Tennessee Children's Hospital (Sertoma is the operating partner agency) and the University of Tennessee Medical Center (Breakthrough is the operating partner agency). Learn about internship opportunities, the recruitment and application process, and get your questions answered.

Project SEARCH Information Night Program

- 5:30 Welcome and Project SEARCH Overview
- 5:40 A Day in the Life of Project SEARCH
- 6:00 Internships and Expectations
- 6:15 Participant and Family perspectives
- 6:30 Application Process Review
- 6:40 Questions and Answers

Eligibility Criteria:

- **18 years and older**
- **Willing to access services from Vocational Rehabilitation Services**
- **Ability to function in a smoke free environment**
- **Ability to pass a drug screen and criminal background check**
- **Willing to complete the entire 9-month, unpaid internship**
- **Comply with all hospital policies including Covid19 precautions**
- **Desire and plan to work in the community at the conclusion of the Project SEARCH program**

Typical Day

Monday-Friday, 8:00am – 3:00pm
Project SEARCH Adult Program
Dates: February 1st – October 31st

- 8:00am – 9:00am
Employability Skills Class:
Lessons are based on employability skills, i.e., problem solving, team work, decision making, budgeting, check writing, resume writing.
- 9:00am – 2:15pm **Internship Sites:** Interns participate in non-paid job internship sites throughout the hospital. Each intern rotates through three different internships to gain competitive marketable skills. Interns break for lunch with their department.
- 2:15pm **Reflection and Planning:** Interns sign out at 3:00pm and if available take public transportation home.

The internships are planned to meet the needs of the business and interns. The internships are designed to teach marketable, competitive, and transferable skills.

