Project SEARCH Monthly



MARCH UPDATES

Time is flying by here at Project SEARCH! The interns have made it to their third and final rotation. Some interns have remained in the same department to continue building on their learned skills and tasks, while others have switched to a new department to be introduced to new skills. We are receiving feedback from the host departments that the interns are blossoming and displaying an even greater positive attitude entering into their third rotation.

These next few weeks will be spent fine-tuning and mastering job skills and tasks with an emphasis on taking initiatives to increase independence. We will be scheduling the next employment planning meetings for the last week of March and early April. Please be on the lookout for your invitation. Graduation is quickly approaching and we could not be more proud of how much progress and growth we have seen from the interns in these few short months. Thank you very much to all the families and staff members that continue to support the interns during this very busy and transformative period of their lives. Please feel free to reach out to either of us for any questions or concerns regarding third rotation or job searching in the near future. -Bri and Dimitar



REMINDERS

Mark your calendars! Graduation is scheduled for Friday, June 6! The next employment planning meeting will be scheduled for the week of March 31 and April 7; we will reach out shortly with dates and times. UPCOMING DAYS OFF

April 18









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The Interns

Michaela ----

Michaela is in the materials management department for her third rotation. She has been training on picking orders in the storeroom as well as making deliveries around the hospital. Michaela is a fast learner and is already doing many tasks independently. She will soon start training to use the scanners in the department so she can complete picking and delivering jobs with no assistance.





--- Kerri

Kerri's third rotation is in the kitchen/cafeteria.

Kerri has trained on the cold line, adding food items to trays based on patient ticket orders and dietary restrictions. She has been training with a mentor on the cash register and is working hard to learn the POS system while checking out customers accurately and in a timely manner during the lunch rush hours.

Kristina ----

Kristina's third rotation is at the reception desk in the primary care office on Saybrook Road. Kristina was able to complete Epic training and passed the required tests needed to enable her to continue training and master the skills needed to independently check in patients, schedule appointments, and answer incoming phone calls. Kristina is quickly mastering the skills and tasks required in that role as she gains increased confidence and independence.

Additionally, when challenged to navigate the shuttle transportation to the Saybrook Road complex independently, Kristina faced her fears and did it!





← Erica

Erica will continue her time in EVS for her third rotation. She has been taking initiative on her tasks as her mentor confidently leaves her to work independently. Erica will continue to train on the lobby floor and will soon advance to the medical floors to learn the procedures for cleaning patient rooms.

Indiana

Indiana (Indi) continues to shine in the linen department. She has enjoyed working with a group of peers hand-folding scrubs, gowns, and other hospital linens. They are then sorted by size and placed on shelving or hangers for hospital-wide distribution. Indi's goal is to train on the industrial folding machines and be exposed to more of the department.



— Leszek

Leszek is in the gift shop for his third rotation. He has been training on the cash register and making transactions with customers, while mastering his customer service skills. He has also trained on several tasks in the department so far including morning setup, pricing merchandise, and delivering flowers to patient floors.

Andrew —

Andrew continues to grow and gain confidence in the mailroom. He is completing the outside mail run (9 stops) independently every day. He also packs the cart for the inside mail run independently. Andrew is completing the inside mail run (58 stops) independently with minimal supervision and is working towards completion with no supervision at all.

