



# Project| SEARCH



Project SEARCH is an international trademarked and copyrighted intern program model that focuses solely on employment for young adults with disabilities. The local program is a collaboration between Career Connections, the employment division of the Arc Herkimer, and Herkimer County Community College in Herkimer, NY. The 40-week partnership has an intensive focus on achieving competitive employment and maximum independence for each participant. Each intern participates in daily classroom instruction and gains hands-on work experience by rotating among three unique unpaid internships throughout the academic year. Skills learned by the interns will be marketable in their search for community employment.

## Key Program Components:

- Individuals apply through an application process.
- Project SEARCH Steering Committee reviews applications, interviews qualified applicants, and chooses 6 to 8 individuals for the internship program at Herkimer College.
- Applicants can be considered for other available services through the Career Connections Program.
- Interns will have daily classroom instruction.
- Each intern will do 3 internships per year at Herkimer College and some work assessments within the community.
- Intern positions at the college are jobs that are complex and systematic giving individual's choice of various work experiences available at the college and in the community.
- Skills learned by interns need to be marketable as an outcome as a path to community employment.

## Contact, More Information & Submit Applications to:

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## 2018-19 Program Dates:

- **DECEMBER-MAY:** Applications available. Interviews for applicants selected. Decision Letters for interns who were chosen by the Steering Committee.
- **AUGUST:** Welcome and Orientation for interns at Herkimer College.
- **AUGUST - NOVEMBER:** First Rotation
- **NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY:** Second Rotation.
- **FEBRUARY - APRIL:** Third Rotation.
- **MAY:** Graduation with Certificates at Herkimer College.

## Eligibility Criteria:

- 18-34 years old
- Documented developmental disability
- Willingness to learn and achieve excellent attendance
- Personal goal to become employed within the community at the end of Project SEARCH program

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