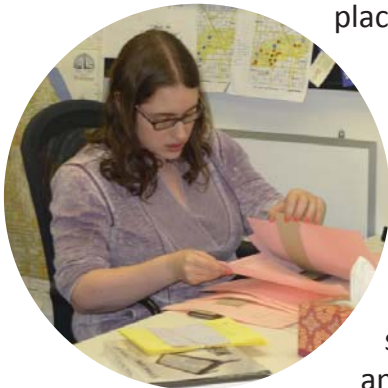


Project SEARCH Collaborates for Autism at Northwestern University (PSCA@NU)

The First Project SEARCH Site in Illinois (PSCA@NU)

Project SEARCH Collaborates for Autism at Northwestern University (PSCA@NU) is a one-year business-based program for high school students in their last year of transition services. The goal of the program is competitive employment, which is achieved through the use of the autism-specific curriculum, three ten-week internship rotations on Northwestern University's campus, and job development, job placement, and follow-on services.



90% of PSCA@NU graduates have been placed into competitive employment.

PSCA@NU is a collaboration of agencies, including: Northwestern University, Project SEARCH, Have Dreams, New York Collaborates for Autism, local school districts, The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), and Total Link 2 Community.



Eligibility:

- Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder or other related diagnosis
- 18 years or older
- Strong desire and plan for employment
- Independent daily living skills
- Maintains appropriate behavior and social interactions in the workplace (i.e., no aggressive or disruptive behavior)

Program Components:

- Training room with use of autism-specific curriculum
- Job coaching
- Job development

Schedule:

- September - June
- Monday - Friday; 8:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.



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The first Project SEARCH site was developed in 1996 at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.