

## Project SEARCH Toronto Information for students & families

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### Program overview:

Project SEARCH is a unique school-to-work training program for students with disabilities. Students gain more than 700 hours of hands-on work experience geared to in-demand roles in the local labour market. Students are immersed at the host business locations: Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital / UHN (Bayview/Eglinton Avenue East area).

Students begin required TTC training near the end of August. Classes and work experiences begin in September (for 10 months). The typical day is 8:30-3:00 p.m. Students rotate through 3 different co-op experiences (9-10 weeks each) with the support of job coaches and mentors.

Students learn employability skills and plan their careers with guidance from a TDSB teacher and Community Living Toronto job & skills trainers. Community Living Toronto supports graduates and their employers.

### Eligibility:

- Want to train in roles such as: environmental services, food services, materials management, linens, patient support, clerical support
- Want to work at the end of the Project SEARCH Toronto training program - at least 20 hours/week
- Be a minimum of 18 years of age at the start of the program and agree that the Project SEARCH training will be the last year of high school (student will then search for work)
- Be enrolled (or eligible to enrol) at a TDSB school for training year.
- Have a primary diagnosis of developmental disability or intellectual disability.
- Be willing to learn to take public transit to the Project SEARCH program and future workplaces (school bus transportation is not provided)
- Be able to take direction and instructions from Project SEARCH Toronto coaches/supervisors and adjust behaviour in response.
- Maintains appropriate behaviour, social skills and grooming/hygiene in the workplace.
- Be able to communicate effectively (listen to others, communicate own ideas, perform workplace reading, writing and numeracy tasks).

### Application timelines & next steps:

Application deadline for 2025/26 program: March 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

**Please attend a virtual information session to learn about the program.** Use QR code 1 (at right) to register. Session date options:

- January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
- January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
- January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.
- February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.



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1-Register to attend information session



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2-Download & complete application