

PROJECT SEARCH®

Autism Enhancement Program*

UCI Medical Center

Who may apply? Adults with a diagnosis of Autism that meet the following criteria:

- Completed their Adult Transition Program and received a certificate of completion, or graduated from high school and received a diploma.
- Registered to receive services through RCOC, and eligible to receive services through DOR.
- Individual's and family's commitment to competitive integrated employment opportunities developed following the completion of the training program.
- Presents a professional appearance.
- Able to follow directions and a work schedule.
- Demonstrated excellent attendance in past education and/or work training experiences.

What is the program? Participate in a collaborative education and workforce development training program including:

- 30 hours per week of specialized non-paid vocational training, for a maximum of 11 consecutive months.
- Weekly schedule is Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- Participate in 4 training rotations (in up to 4 different departments). Each rotation is 10 weeks long, with one week for review and preparation between rotations.
- Willing to take public or para-transit transportation to/from UCI Medical Center, or provide own transportation to/from UCI Medical Center.
- Enroll in the required employability related courses through Santiago Canyon College (provided at UCI Medical Center during program hours).

When does the program start? January (annually)

- Exact program schedule is to be determined (annually).
- Applications become available in September/October (annually).
- Contact your assigned Service Coordinator to discuss whether this is an appropriate program for you.

Where does the program take place? UCI Medical Center in Orange, CA

- All classes and training takes place at: 101 The City Dr. S., Orange CA 92868.

Why should I apply? To acquire skills and experience needed to gain competitive integrated employment including a 20-40 hours per week work schedule.

- The purpose of this program is to develop skills that advance employment opportunities, provide pathways to careers, and promote participants to succeed as contributing members of their community.