

**The Masonic Village Work Immersion Program** is a partnership between Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 (IU13) and Masonic Village at Elizabethtown (PA). This program is designed to prepare students with disabilities for competitive employment in diverse vocational career fields while learning valuable independent living and employability skills. It also provides high-quality special education services and promotes individual student success for a seamless transition to life after school.

# **About the Program:**

- Student interns will build communication and problem-solving skills, as well as job-specific skills, through worksite rotations.
- Potential worksites are identified through a continuous, collaborative process involving the teacher and job trainers, the Masonic Village liaison, and specific worksite supervisors.
- The purpose of the program is to provide students with an all-inclusive educational experience focusing on vocational, employability, and independent living skills.

## **About Participating Students:**

This program is suitable for students who are pursuing employment upon graduation and are in need of added structure, a smaller class size, and slower pace of instruction.

## Student intern qualifications include:

- The ability to lift, walk, bend, stoop, and stand for extended periods of time.
- The ability to abide by rules, policies, and procedures of the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, as well as all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including non-discrimination provisions.
- Required immunizations, which include a two-step TB test and flu shot.
- Socially appropriate behavior in a community setting, including the ability to follow directions, get along with others, and work as a team player.

## What Will Students Learn?

#### **Potential Opportunities**

Property Maintenance & Groundskeeping Environmental Services - Utilities Environmental Services - Housekeeping Environmental Services - Laundry Food & Dining Services Event Planning Additional areas to be discovered

#### **Employability Skills**

Effective Communication Skills
Career Research & Development Skills
Time Management & Organizational Skills
Social Skills for the Workplace
Teambuilding Skills
Decision-Making & Problem-Solving Skills
Skills Involving Professionalism
Effective Customer Relations
Proper Customer Service Standards

### **Independent Living Skills**

Advocating for Your Future
Participating in Your Community
Personal Finance Skills
Maintaining a Healthy Lifestyle
(Physically & Emotionally)
Personal Safety/CPR/First Aid
Traveling & Transportation

## To Learn More:

Please call (717) 947-1277 or contact your local school district special education administrator.

