



Willow Valley Work Immersion Program

About the Program:

The Willow Valley Work Immersion Program (WIP) focuses on helping young adults with disabilities make a successful transition from school to productive adult life. This unique one-year immersion program serves students with disabilities who are in their last year of high school.

With the goal of competitive employment, each student receives classroom instruction and hands-on experience through internships in as many as three departments within the Willow Valley Communities. Through their work immersion experiences, students also develop employability, social, and independent living skills.

Program Eligibility:

In order to be considered for Willow Valley WIP, candidates must:

- Have completed the high school credits necessary for graduation.
- Have independent personal hygiene and grooming skills.
- Have independent daily living skills.
- Have access to independent transportation.
- Maintain appropriate behavior and social skills in the workplace.
- Be able to communicate effectively.
- Have interest in working in a retirement community setting.
- Be able to pass a criminal background check, a drug screening, have current immunizations, and meet other Willow Valley requirements.

What Will Students Learn?

Potential Opportunities

Receiving
Food & Dining Services
Laundry
Housekeeping
Recreation Therapy Assistant
Floor care
Grounds
Human Resource Assistant
Security
Additional areas to be discovered

Employability Skills

Effective Communication Skills
Career Research & Development Skills
Time Management & Organizational Skills
Social Skills for the Workplace
Team-building 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.

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