

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Center for Employment Services and Opportunities (CESO) at Chapel Haven Schleifer Center unique work-based learning program, Partnership for Achievement through Vocational Experience (PAVE), provides adults who wish to prepare for competitive employment with authentic work experiences and a robust vocational curriculum. Through volunteer placements in true work environments participants are fully immersed in the workplace, acquiring marketable job-specific and transferrable skills. Each participant is placed in a position that suits their interests, abilities, and career goals while also allowing for the opportunity to explore a variety of career areas. In addition to all that is learned on the job, participants receive daily instruction on employment and related skills, taught by a highly qualified team of instructors including a certified Special Education Teacher, Speech Language Pathologist, and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist specializing in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Lesson topics include: professional appearance and behavior, workplace social communication, coping skills and stress management, interview skills, professional portfolio development, and job search skills. Participant's benefit from reinforcement and practice of independent living skills by planning for and/or preparing daily lunches, managing and maintaining a professional wardrobe and appearance, and navigating within and traveling to and from PAVE's Yale New Haven Hospital location independently.

SEVEN YEARS IN THE MAKING

Chapel Haven Schleifer Center has enjoyed a long-standing relationship with its first partnering host-business, Yale New Haven Hospital, since the inception of the work-based learning program in 2012. In June of 2019, the *seventh* class of PAVE participants will complete the program at YNHH! Through this particular partnership, PAVE participants have worked in 15 different departments within the main hospital and auxiliary departments. PAVE participants are led to success by the guidance and mentorship they receive from department staff and other natural supports in the workplace, PAVE Work-Based Learning Specialists, and certified teaching staff. PAVE Work-Based Learning Specialists collaborate with and support the host-business staff throughout the duration of the program year to ensure that all partners are given adequate tools to guide PAVE participants to success and achievement of their vocational goals.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- PAVE runs the length of a typical school year (September through June)
- PAVE participants are actively participating in the program 5 days per week: Monday-Friday, 8:15AM-2:15PM
- Work shifts are 3 ½ hours in duration, including a 15-minute break
- On a daily basis, vocational curriculum is delivered at an on-site classroom space
- PAVE Work-Based Learning Specialists provide full 1:1 support during training periods with the goal of fading out once job skills are mastered, allowing participants to utilize natural supports in the work environment
- PAVE staff are always on premises (YNHH campus) and conduct regular site check-ins and maintain consistent communication with department staff
- Upon completion of the program, an internship or job in a related field is secured for each participant through CESO

This comprehensive tuition-based program is billed in three installments of \$11,666.67

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