

Community Work Experience (CWE) Prerequisites

Students entering the Community Work Experience program will possess a variety of skills and experiences. However for students to safely achieve success in this community-based learning environment, the following basic skills must exist prior to program entry:

1. Student must be independently capable of changing in-and-out of uniform quickly.
2. Student must be independently capable of using the restroom and washing hands routinely.
3. Student must be capable of routinely practicing good hygiene (showering daily, clean clothes, shaving, good appearance, and etcetera).
4. Student must be independently capable of safely navigating, and working within the Southwest General Health Center's physical environment on a daily basis without compromising the safety of others (peers, SWGH personnel, SWGH patients, Polaris personnel, or self).
5. Student must be capable of working independently without direct supervision for 30 minutes or more when in a familiar location.
6. Student must be capable of communicating verbally and/or through augmentative communication.
7. Student must be independently capable of remembering and demonstrating basic safety rules and procedures (i.e., using required safety items, not running on wet floors, not turning on/operating power equipment, and etcetera).
8. Student must be capable of receiving instruction/direction/supervision from various people.
9. Student must be independently capable of following a written or photo schedule, and tracking time.
10. Student must be independently capable of being responsible for work materials and personal items (jackets, hats, ID tags, job aides, pens/pencils/markers/paper, and etcetera).
11. Student must be independently capable of working for 2 full hours at a competitive employment work rate without a break.
12. Student must be capable of making corrections to work while maintaining a positive composure when directed by various supervisors.
13. Student must be capable of communicating frustration without aggression, profanity, yelling, or leaving the jobsite.
14. Student must be capable of maintaining a 90% attendance rate.
15. Student must be independently capable of identifying simple words, reading simple instructions, writing simple notes, and performing basic math computations.

Note: All students must schedule a minimum of one visit to shadow the CWE program prior to registration and/or acceptance.