



FELICITAS SCHOOL

School for Intellectually and Physically Disabled Learners

SCHOOL-TO-WORK PROGRAM

School-leavers are included in the School-to-Work Program at Felicitas School.

The program is presented on Wednesdays during school hours. The aim of the program is to help the learners develop additional skills, which cannot be taught in the normal classroom environment. They act as an assistant and work under supervision of a staff member.

Learners dress appropriately for their specific work placement e.g. working in the kitchen. This enables the therapist and teacher to monitor their appearance and make suggestions where necessary.

The learners are encouraged to work from 8h00 until 12h40 to improve their work endurance. They need to adhere to specific tea-times and be on time for their duties.

Currently the following School-to-Work Workshops are run at school where learners are taught skills in the following areas: kitchen, laundry, staff room cleaning, class assistant, porter/ therapy assistant, carwash, recycling, refuse removal, coffee shop waiters and coffee shop kitchen assistant. We also have one learner working on the External Program as an assistant to a Mechanic. We also have three learners working at a Gardening Centre (Nursery). A large number of the school to work learners will attend a two and a half week bakery course, at the end of which they will receive a certificate. From this group- two learners will work at the bakery as part of the external school to work program until the end of the year.

Learners receive no money for the tasks they do, as it is part of their school training. During Work Preparation Groups relevant topics are discussed e.g. appropriate dress, make-up, handling strangers, relationships with superiors etc. Cleaning skills are taught in practical sessions.