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Bethany College  
Director, Career Services  
Main Street  
Bethany, WV 26032

To Whom It May Concern:

The Watson Institute in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, has been a leader in providing educational services to children with disabilities for over 80 years. Our facility has grown and evolved into one of the areas greatest resources for serving children in need.

**Education Services** provides educational programming for children, from 3 to 21 years of age, diagnosed with autism, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, neurological impairments, brain injuries and other impairments in a variety of specialized and inclusive environments.

**Respite Services** assist families, who care for their children with disabilities at home. The Watson Institute offers a variety of respite programs. CareBreak is a program where volunteers are screened and matched with a family to provide respite care on a regular basis. Day and overnight respite programs are designed to be an integrated camp-like experience for children with and without disabilities.

**Psychological Services** provides a number of services specifically tailored to children with autism and related disorders. These services include diagnostic assessment services, wraparound services, The Watson Inclusive Summer Program (WISP), Summer Therapeutic Activities for Teens (STAT), Autism College & Community Life Acclimation & Intervention Model (ACCLAIM), outpatient therapeutic services as well as contractual service to schools and agencies.

We provide employment opportunities in the areas of internships, summer camps and substitute positions, as well as special education teachers, instructional aides, therapists, weekend respite staff, therapeutic support staff, behavior specialist consultants, etc.

Enclosed is a list of present opportunities at our facility. We would greatly appreciate if you could post or distribute this information for your students. If your students are interested in our opportunities, they may visit our website at [www.thewatsoninstitute.org](http://www.thewatsoninstitute.org) to apply online or contact me via e-mail at [melissap@thewatsoninstitute.org](mailto:melissap@thewatsoninstitute.org) or by phone at (412) 749-2866.

Sincerely,

Melissa Painter  
Director, Human Resources

Enclosures-summer employment opportunities

Administrative Offices  
301 Camp Meeting Road  
Sewickley, PA 15143  
(412) 741-1800

The Watson Institute  
Behavior Support Academy  
(WIBSA)  
301 Camp Meeting Road  
Sewickley, PA 15143  
(412) 741-1800

The Education Center  
at The Watson Institute  
301 Camp Meeting Road  
Sewickley, PA 15143  
(412) 741-1800

Friendship Academy  
255 South Negley Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
(412) 365-3800

LEAP Preschool  
W. Bruce Thomas  
Education Center  
200 Linden Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15215  
(412) 781-1708

Psychological Services  
301 Camp Meeting Road  
Sewickley, PA 15143  
(412) 749-2889

Respite Programs  
301 Camp Meeting Road  
Sewickley, PA 15143  
(412) 741-1800

The Watson Institute  
School-based Cyber Academy  
(WISCA)  
W. Bruce Thomas  
Education Center  
200 Linden Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15215  
(412) 781-1708

Training and Consultation  
W. Bruce Thomas  
Education Center  
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— and Their Educators*

[www.thewatsoninstitute.org](http://www.thewatsoninstitute.org)



## *Summer Employment Opportunities*

The Watson Institute, a regional provider of special education and wraparound services, seeks individuals to work in its summer camp programs for children and teens who have autism. WISP (Watson Inclusive Summer Programs) is an eight-week program. WISP locations are Butler, Cranberry, Deer Creek (Cheswick), Monroeville, Sewickley, South Fayette, Chatham University, Upper Saint Clair, and Erie. The STAT (Summer Therapeutic Activities for Teens) locations are at The Watson Institute located in Sewickley, the W. Bruce Thomas Education Center in Sharpsburg, as well as the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Upper St. Clair. Also positions are available for ACCLAIM (Autism College & Community Life Acclimation & Intervention Model). ACCLAIM is located at the Carlow University, Robert Morris University, and Community College of Allegheny County. ACCLAIM is a four-week program.

Temporary summer positions are currently available. Ongoing regular full and part time positions may be available in our wraparound (BHRS) department beyond summer camp employment.

**Direct Care Worker:** Work with 1-2 children with autism, or multiple teens diagnosed with autism, implementing treatment plans in inclusive day camp settings, or at the STAT and ACCLAIM programs. Bachelor's degree in Education/Psychology or related field OR 60 college credit hours plus three years full time paid experience in a child/adolescent services required.

**Assistant Direct Care Worker:** Responsible for supervising children or teens with autism in inclusive settings, or at the STAT and ACCLAIM programs. High school diploma or GED required. 60 college credit hours towards a degree in a related field preferred. Bachelor's degree preferred. Experience working with children and/or teens with special needs preferred.

**Camp Site Supervisor:** Oversees the implementation of treatment plans for children and teens with autism receiving intensive intervention in inclusive settings, or at the STAT and ACCLAIM programs. Master's degree in a relevant discipline required and at least one year of intervention experience with children and/or teens. Supervisory experience preferred.

Current ACT 34, 114 and 151 clearances required. Candidates interested in any of the above positions may apply online at [www.thewatsoninstitute.org](http://www.thewatsoninstitute.org), via fax or send resume to the director of human resources at:

The Watson Institute  
301 Camp Meeting Road  
Sewickley, PA 15143-8773  
FAX (412) 749-6430  
EOE



## *Summer Employment Opportunities*

The Education Center at The Watson Institute has a need for temporary teachers and aides for its Extended Year School (ESY) Program. Some of the duties of these positions include working directly with the students while implementing and adapting instructional activities, utilizing appropriate behavior management strategies and techniques as a member of a classroom team. Temporary positions run for four weeks during the month of July at the Sewickley campus location.

**Special Education Teacher:** Requirement for a teacher is PA certification in special education. Experience working with children with special needs preferred.

**Aide:** Requirement for an aide is a high school diploma. Experience working with children with special needs preferred.

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