



**Maine Department of Health and Human Services
Office of Aging and Disability Services (DHHS OADS)
Senior Community Service Employment Program**



Organization Overview	<p>The Maine State SCSEP is a leader in the design and operation of older worker training and employment programs that work for individuals, businesses, and community partners. Maine DHHS OADS is the federal grant administrator for the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) in Cumberland, Lincoln, and York Counties. https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oads/get-support/older-adults-disabilities/older-adult-services/scsep.</p>
Program Overview	<p>SCSEP is a community service and work-based training program for older Americans, authorized and funded by Title V of the Older Americans Act. SCSEP provides program participants' internship-based workplace experience training opportunities with 501c3 organizations or public municipalities that prepares them for employment in high growth occupations including healthcare, office administration, food preparation, and customer service. There is no cost for hosting a participant. Program participants are required to attend training classes and/or workshops and are expected to utilize CareerCenter employment services. https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oads/get-support/older-adults-disabilities/older-adult-services/scsep.</p>
Populations served	<p>To be eligible for SCSEP participants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be age 55 or older; • Be unemployed; • Reside within the service area (Cumberland, Lincoln and York Counties); • Have income not greater than 125% of the federal poverty level; and • Be in need of training and want to work. <p>Note: some income types, for example, unemployment and disability payments, are excluded for the income calculation</p>
Services and Resources	<p>SCSEP participants gain work experience in a variety of community service agencies, such as schools, hospitals, museums, libraries, and senior centers. Participants train for an average of 20 hours a week, and are paid the highest of federal, state, or local minimum wage. Services include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach, intake, and system orientation • Initial assessments • Workforce preparation • Individual employment plan • Referrals to other programs • Labor market information • Internships and work experiences • Comprehensive assessment • Referrals to supportive services • Career planning and counseling
Locations, Modalities	<p>Services through the Maine State SCSEP are provided in Cumberland, Lincoln, and York Counties where DHHS OADS directly operates the program. The Maine State SCSEP is located at the Maine Department of Health and Human Services building in Portland, Maine. Office Location: 151 Jetport Blvd., Portland, ME 04102</p>
Process to Enroll	<p>Applicants should apply online or contact referral contact for support in completing or submitting an application. Enrollees will need to provide proof of identity, family size, income, and complete enrollment paperwork. https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oads/get-support/older-adults-disabilities/older-adult-services/scsep</p>
Referral Contact for Program	<p>Allie Novicki, 207-287-9200, Allie.Novicki@maine.gov or SCSEP.OADS@maine.gov</p>