



## Arrupe Partnerships for Community-based Learning

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# DOWNTOWN COLLEGE PREP

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### **Organizational Profile**

Downtown College Preparatory is a chartered high school that opened in fall 2000 with a freshman class of 100 students. This first class graduated 55 students in June 2004. The school targets students who have a 2.0 GPA or below, who are performing below potential and/or will be the first generation in their family to graduate from college. By setting high standards, providing personalized attention and having an explicit focus on college success, the school will prepare students to thrive at a four-year college or university. Students will be learning in classes with a student-teacher ratio of 20:1 and will have an extended 8-hour school day (9 am-5 pm). This schedule includes mandatory tutorial every day.

### **SCU Student's Role**

SCU students will be working in the mandatory after-school tutorial program as a tutor in small groups. If SCU students have a particular strength or interest in a specific subject area (i.e. math or history), they are urged to inform the DCP staff.

SCU students should know that at every level of interaction with the students at DCP they will be looked upon as role models. At the same time, they will continue to act as undergraduate students, responsible for finding ways to learn about the perspectives, experiences and concerns of high school students.

### **To Do Before Orientation**

- Sign up for 2 separate days in order to meet the Arrupe Center's requirement.
- Visit the website listed above to learn more about your placement or the umbrella organization with which it is affiliated.
- Read your course syllabus and be prepared to discuss your learning goals with your placement supervisor at orientation.
- Provide the Arrupe Partnerships with proof of a negative intradermal TB test within the last year. If your TB test is not current, please go to the Cowell Health Center immediately to get a TB test at no cost.

### **To Do After Orientation**

- Check the school calendar for holidays/school closures that may fall on your placement day. Arrupe students are expected to make up these days and arrange this with the supervisor or classroom teacher.