



Arrupe Partnerships for Community-based Learning

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FOCUS FOR WORK

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Organizational Profile

Focus for Work is a program of the Behavioral Health Services of Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County. It serves a client population that has a mental illness diagnosis who are referred to them by the Department of Rehabilitation and the Santa Clara County Department of Mental Health. Focus for Work provides vocational assessment, job readiness, job development and placement, as well as job coaching and support.

SCU Student's Role

SCU students will be working side-by-side with clients, assisting them with resume writing, completing applications, and other job search and prep activities. Community meetings are held on Wednesday mornings at 9 am. This is a time when clients are encouraged to share their success stories and network with each other. Most clients are English-speaking, but some speak other native languages, such as Vietnamese and Spanish. SCU students with bilingual skills are always welcome.

To Do Before Orientation

- 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.