



Arrupe Partnerships for Community-based Learning

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MISSION SKILLED NURSING FACILITY

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Organizational Profile

Mission Skilled Nursing Facility is a skilled nursing facility which can house up to 132 residents. The Center offers care to Medi-Cal, Medicare and private patients. About 75% of the patients are either on Medi-Cal or Medicare. The Center has a comprehensive program of therapy services, including physical, occupational and speech therapy. All of the residents of Mission Skilled Nursing Facility receive twenty-four hour care. The Center serves an ethnically diverse population, some of whom speak only their native language.

SCU Student's Role

Students may schedule their visits on Monday through Sunday. There may be opportunities to attend activities on other days by arrangement with the supervisor. Bilingual speakers, especially in Spanish, Mandarin, Vietnamese and Filipino dialects are especially welcome. SCU students can expect to participate in individual or group activities with residents. Examples of group activities include coffee socials, exercises, and helping to serve in the dining room. Individual activities may include reading to a resident or engaging in card play. SCU students may also be assigned to visit particular residents during their weekly placement. While residents look forward to and appreciate students' visits, some residents may grow tired after an extended period of time.

Student assignments will be discussed at the orientation. Once students have established a visitation schedule with a particular resident, they should make it a point to introduce themselves to the nursing staff of the resident's unit. In this way staff will become aware of who Santa Clara University students are and why they are visiting Mission Skilled Nursing Facility. Students must wear name badges while in the building. Name badges will be given on the first placement day.

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.
- Provide Arrupe Partnerships with proof of a negative intradermal **TB test** within the last year. If you know your TB test is not current, please go to Cowell Health Center immediately to get a TB test at no cost.