



# Arrupe Partnerships for Community-based Learning

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## SKILLS PLUS

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### Organizational Profile

Skills Plus is a program of Santa Clara Unified School District providing special services to adult participants. It is a program of education and training for survivors of stroke and other neurological impairments. The program is designed to enhance self-esteem, increase independence, and preserve and improve functional skills. The activities are tailored to meet the specific needs of each Skills Plus student. This program is designed to complement, not replace the benefits of traditional rehabilitation or therapy. Education and training is provided in a classroom setting.

### SCU Student's Role

Santa Clara University students who participate in the Skills Plus Program will be working in a professional setting to assist, as classroom aides, the instructors who teach independent living, mobility, communication skills, and computers. Students will assist with classroom set-up and clean-up, as well as interacting with the stroke survivors one-on-one—helping with exercises, adapted activities or with the computer. There are approximately ten Skills Plus students in each class. Although classes are an hour, SCU students must sign up for two hours/week to meet Arrupe Partnerships' requirement.

### 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 6 months. If you know your TB test is not current, please go to Cowell Health Center immediately to get a TB test at no cost.