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REINVENTING HIGHER EDUCATION

In the fall of 2015, Arrupe opened its doors so students from underserved communities with limited financial resources could begin their college careers in a setting designed to maximize their opportunities for academic success. The program, leading to an associate’s degree in Business Administration, Liberal Arts & Humanities, or Social & Behavioral Sciences, enables students to transfer to a baccalaureate college by a series of deliberate and well-scripted experiences that are designed to be both curricular and character-building. The college is housed on Loyola’s Water Tower Campus at State Street and Pearson, one block north of Chicago Avenue.

ACHIEVABLE.
This is an intensive program designed to build critical thinkers and disciplined leaders. A strong candidate graduates high school with a 2.5 GPA and completes an in-person interview at Arrupe College. Students who complete the program graduate with an associate’s degree. These 61 credit hours are fully transferable to most Illinois institutions and many out-of-state colleges and universities as well.

ACCESSIBLE.
The educational experience includes extensive one-on-one contact with experienced, full-time faculty. Faculty and staff receive specialized training to ensure that all members of the Arrupe community share common goals and values. As students of a college within a renowned four-year university, students gain access to academic and social resources at Loyola’s centrally-located Water Tower Campus and beautiful Lake Shore Campus.

AFFORDABLE.
All students receive maximum student aid based on the results of their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and many receive additional scholarship aid as well. 75% of students report having no debt after the completion of the program, and average student debt at graduation is less than $1,800.
ARRUPE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM:
FOSTERING A DIVERSE CHICAGO WORKFORCE

The Apprenticeship Program provides Arrupe College students pursuing a career in business a hands-on learning experience at one of the Chicago’s top companies. Apprentices develop their business skills in an innovative environment and are better prepared for successful and fulfilling careers. In a successful Apprenticeship Program, students are truly embedded within the organization:

- They work part-time (15-20 hours/week) and year-round throughout their fall, spring, and summer semesters, with a schedule that accommodates their course needs.
- They rotate through different departments to have a wide variety of experiences and take on more challenging projects throughout their apprenticeship.
- They have access to a coach who can provide support and professional development.
- There is an opportunity for students to continue their apprenticeship upon transferring to a four-year institution to complete a bachelor’s degree (if applicable), and/or for full-time employment after their graduation.
- There is open communication between the apprentice(s) and representatives from the employer and Arrupe College to provide support and ensure success.

APPRENTICESHIP MODEL BENEFITS

SUPPORTS ARRUPE COLLEGE STUDENTS FINANCIALLY WHILE THEY EARN THEIR ASSOCIATE’S DEGREE AND BEYOND (AS APPLICABLE)

PROVIDES INVALUABLE REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE FOR APPRENTICES

BUILDS A NETWORK OF CHICAGOLAND PROFESSIONALS TO ADVISE AND MENTOR STUDENTS IN REGARD TO CAREER GOALS

GROWS A PIPELINE OF DIVERSE AND PURPOSE-DRIVEN BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS WHO HAVE THE SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE THEY NEED TO SUCCESSFULLY ENTER THE WORKFORCE

At Arrupe College, we are eager to partner with organizations who can provide real-world employment opportunities for our students through an Apprenticeship Program or other type of collaboration. We recognize that every organization has different capacities, so we can customize any element of our partnership to best meet the needs of a particular employer.

If you are interested in learning more about Arrupe College and exploring partnership opportunities, please reach out to Leah Brunk, Assistant Director of Employer Relations and Recruiting, at lbrunk@luc.edu or (312) 915-7894.