Title of clerkship: Spirituality, Bioethics and Medicine

Elective type: Fourth-Year Elective Clerkship

Department: Psychiatry

Elective site: The University Church
4747 Hill Avenue, Toledo, OH 43615

Course number: PSCH706

Blocks available: Must check availability with Clerkship Coordinator prior to enrolling in course

Number of students per block: One maximum, but must check availability with Clerkship Coordinator prior to enrolling in course

Faculty: Julian A. Davies, Ph.D., M. Div. and Mary Kay Smith, M.D.

Elective description/requirements:
The student participating in this fourth-year elective clerkship will examine the complex interactions between spirituality, bioethics and medicine. Guided reading and discussion of different worldviews will allow the student to examine the impact of spirituality and bioethical issues on health care, medical practice, and public health. By focusing on a particular topic of interest, the student will search the primary literature and will prepare an original written report that integrates key issues explored during the four weeks. Robert B. Baker’s *The Cambridge World History of Medical Ethics* will be used as the foundational text.

Length of elective: Four weeks

Course Objectives:
1. Discuss the importance of understanding your own views about what constitutes “health”, what constitutes “illness”, and the role that your spiritual beliefs, or lack thereof, play in delivering culturally competent clinical care.

   Linkage to EPOs: K12, K14, S2, P1-P7

2. Explain how an individual from each of the world’s six major religions might view the biological basis of disease. Discuss how you might negotiate treatment strategies if your worldview were to differ significantly from that of your patient.

   Linkage to EPOs: K9, K10, K11, K12, K13, K14, S1, P1-P7
3. Describe three major bioethical dilemmas to which adherents of different religions might exhibit distinctly different responses.

Linkage to EPOs: K9, K10, K11, K12, K13, K14, S1, P1-P7

Professionalism:
UT COM students will meet or exceed the institutional standards for professionalism as stated in the current Educational Program Objectives (EPOs) and the current Educational Course Objectives (ECOs) for the sponsoring departments.

Instructional methods:
Independent study, case studies, case write-ups, problem-solving exercises, and optional small group discussions will supplement the discussions with the primary faculty.

Evaluation methods employed:
Level of involvement / participation with course faculty, attendance, student self-assessment, and a written paper at the conclusion of this course will be incorporated in the course evaluation. Assessment of professionalism will also be completed as appropriate.

Prerequisites: Successful completion of all required clerkships

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Special requirements: The student enrolling in this course must:
- Be in good academic standing
- Have demonstrated interest in subject
- Be able to travel between UT’s Health Science Campus and Main Campus

AAMC Hot Topics Addressed in this Elective Clerkship:
Communication Skills, Cultural Diversity/Multicultural Medicine, Medical Ethics, Medical Humanities, Global Health Issues

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