TITLE: Service Pre-Clinical Elective

COURSE NO.: SOMN 727

DEPARTMENT: Department of Family Medicine with assistance from Office of Student Affairs

DURATION: 1 Semester or 12 hours, whichever comes first

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SEMESTERS AVAILABLE: Fall and Spring

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: Up to 40 students each semester

LOCATION: Greater Toledo Area

COORDINATOR:
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GOAL:
1. To cultivate and foster values of service, compassion, and a sense of community.
2. To provide an experience that broadens medical students’ outlooks on and awareness of community issues.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:
The mission of the UTCOM service club is to provide students with opportunities to both participate in and contribute to the community of Toledo through charitable acts. Medical students will volunteer at Keyser Elementary School or Reynolds Elementary School for our America Reads Program. We travel to an elementary school in the area to help struggling kids with their reading assignments. In addition
to these opportunities, the students may also choose to volunteer for Mobile Meals of Toledo or UT Health Grows initiative. Members may either join one of these great established projects or they are welcome to research and lead their own approved project within the club. Medical students are compassionate people, but the intensely academic nature of the first two years can leave a blooming doctor feeling somewhat unfulfilled in that regard. Service club provides the opportunity for students to remember what they came to medical school for in the first place: to help and serve others! Past members have reported deep feelings of satisfaction and stress relief that are well worth the short time commitment required each week. Service club has the potential to be one of the most fun and memorable experiences a student can have at UTCOM!

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES:
1. Demonstrate knowledge of service needs in the Toledo area.
2. Demonstrate a commitment to service in the community.
3. Demonstrate ethical, responsible and reliable behavior.
4. Demonstrate the capacity to interact with community members with compassion and understanding.

METHODS OF TEACHING:
Students will spend a minimum of 12 hours volunteering for pre-approved organizations in the Toledo area. In addition to this, at the end of each semester there will be a reflective discussion.

METHODS OF EVALUATION AND STUDENT FEEDBACK:
Students will be evaluated based on attendance at volunteer shifts during the semester. We will have a sign-in sheet at all volunteer events. In addition to this, we will have the staff of the respective organizations (America Reads, Mobile Meals, UT Health Grows) keep track of our volunteer attendance. The students will document a reflective journal post in our google group, this will be required once a month or after every 4 hours of volunteering. A student will have a total of 3 journal posts by the time he/she reaches the 12 hour requirement. These journal entries can then be used at our reflective discussion session at the end of each semester for reference. The posts made in this google group will be monitored by the faculty members. Our faculty and staff members will also be able to provide feedback based on their interaction with the students. All volunteers must be in good academic standing and uphold professionalism values at all times.

A student who cannot attend an event or a volunteer shift must make arrangements with another student with advance notice of 24 hours. A volunteer who does not make prior arrangements and leaves the shift uncovered without extenuating circumstances will receive one violation. If the pattern repeats beyond two violations, the volunteer will receive NO credit for the Service Elective. In order to assure success of our program, the volunteers must demonstrate professional behavior and uphold responsibility for all their commitments. At the completion of a minimum of 12 hours of volunteering at a designated program a faculty member will review the participation and will determine if the volunteer will receive credit.
LINKAGE TO EPOs:
In addition to providing opportunities for personal growth through community service and community building activities, Service Club involvement builds knowledge in UTCOM’s following Educational Program Objectives:

- **K11** Knowledge of principles and development of human behavior
- **S2** The ability to demonstrate sensitivity and responsiveness to patients’ culture, age, gender and disabilities.
- **P1** Ethical, responsible, reliable and dependable behavior in all aspects of their professional lives and a commitment to patients, society and the profession.
- **P2** Honesty and integrity in all interactions with patients, patients’ families, colleagues and others with whom students interact in their professional lives.

QUALITY ASSURANCE:
Members’ participation in activities that they have committed to attending will be monitored.

Any behavior not in accordance with UTCOM’s professionalism standards should be reported to the Service Club board member for further investigation.

Members who tutor for the America Reads program will be expected to attend all sessions with their student. If a schedule conflict arises, tutors are expected to arrange for their MI/M2 tutoring partner to cover for them. (an impending exam does not count as a schedule conflict)

PREREQUISITES:
None