

Syllabus

Title of Course: Character in Medicine: Developing Mature Professionals

Sponsored by: The Institute of Medicine, Education and Spirituality at Ochsner (IMESO)

Instructors: Rev. Anthony De Conciliis, C.S.C., Ph.D. and guest
physicians

Institution: Ochsner Clinical School and University of Queensland

Time: July and September 2018--Three hours each of the five days the first week of Medicine in Society rotation and follow up write-in reflection assignments for the remaining six weeks

Course Assessment: Pass-Fail

Location: Ochsner Academic Center

Rationale

This course partially fulfills the requirements for completion of the Medicine in Society course for all medical students in the specific area of professionalism and character development.

Aims and Outcomes

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1. This course will enable the medical students in their fourth year of studies to learn and use a non-clinical language with patients and other professionals as part of the healing process that is common to all human beings, the language of virtues and character strengths.
2. The course will increase the meaningfulness and purpose of the medical profession.

Outcomes:

1. Identify, teach, and use a common language based on virtues and character strengths to increase the students' professional engagement, good patient care, and engagement in meaningful work.
2. Students will practice character strengths in their professional lives and will help to create and will support an environment where the practice of character strengths is the norm.
3. Students will practice character strengths in their personal lives and help to create and will support an environment where the practice of character strengths is the norm.
4. Continue the practice of self-reflection.
5. Practice self-assessment with respect to meaning/purpose, gratitude, resilience and resultant prosocial behaviors.