

Medicine Program Spring 2022

Frequently Asked Questions Information Sheet

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NOTE: While the Medicine Program is typically offered every other Fall, *it will be offered in the Spring due to the pandemic.*

What is *The Medicine Program*?

The Medicine Program combines two 4-credit hour courses SOC 234 – Medical Sociology and PHL 302 – Clinical Medical Ethics AND one two-hour course IDS 301 – Field Work in Medicine. Student must enroll in all the classes and will earn 10 credit hours for the experience.

Are there prerequisites?

Yes, both SOC 101 – Principles of Sociology and PHL 101 – Introduction to Philosophy are required.

***If you have not taken these courses and plan to apply to *The Medicine Class* you should enroll in them for the Fall term. If you need SOC 101, Dr. Maher can help you get pre-admitted to a limited number of seat. If you need SOC 101, please contact her immediately with your name, student ID number and section you would like to be admitted to.*

What is the *structure* of the program?

Classes will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-4:00 PM in JH107. For 10 weeks of the term, students will observe a variety of areas of medicine in the mornings. Last time we offered *The Medicine Class* we observed in NICU, PICU, internal medicine, psychiatric social work, neurosurgery, palliative care, OB, pediatric oncology, pain management, and cardiology. Students observe in pairs and spend two days in each rotation. Class size is limited to 20 students. We also spend two Friday or Saturday evenings in the Emergency Room. We occasionally have dinner-time discussions and will have optional movies on several Sunday nights. Participants will need to keep their Tuesdays and Thursdays free as we anticipate alterations in class meeting times (e.g. we typically start at 1:30 (ending at 4:30) on the days that we're observing in the hospital).

*In short, Tuesdays and Thursdays are completely consumed by participation in the *Medicine Program*. You will not be able to take any other classes on those days.*

What are the *expectations* of our behavior in the program?

Both of the courses offered are upper level courses in the Philosophy and Sociology departments. You are expected to treat them as such. This experience involves more than just observing in the hospital. You will be required to take any other courses (including labs) on Monday/Wednesday/Fridays. At times, due to scheduling issues, we may meet outside of the normal class period on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We strongly encourage participants to limit other out-of-class activities (e.g. jobs, fraternity/sorority

commitments, sports, other extracurricular activities). We also suggest that, if your schedule permits, you under-load by 2 credit hours for the term (taking a May term course or other 2 credit option at some point in the future). Participants should treat this like “foreign study in Greenville” and expect that they will be very busy.

Learning Contract

Because of the unique nature of this course students are required to sign a Learning contract.

What does the *hospital* require of us?

There are several requirements we must meet in order to observe in the Prisma Health including:

- Online learning modules
- Two-step TB test
- Criminal Background check
- Flu shot
- Proof of Immunization

All requirements must be completed by December 1 (those going on foreign study will have to make special arrangements with us).

How does the *application* process work?

Applications can be found online at the following web address:

<https://www.furman.edu/academics/sociology/program-overview/medicine-program-application/>

Twenty students will be accepted into the program.

What is the *deadline*?

Applications will be due *Friday, March 19 by 5 PM* (some candidates may be interviewed).

When will we find out if we got accepted?

Notification of decisions will occur by *Monday, March 29*.

If you have any additional questions please contact either Dr. Kristy Maher in Sociology or Dr. Carmela Epright in Philosophy. We look forward to receiving your application.