



Humanities in Medicine Scholarly Concentration

Overview

The Humanities in Medicine (HIM) Scholarly Concentration allows Zucker School of Medicine (ZSOM) students to undertake rigorous independent scholarship in cross-disciplinary fields of interest by studying biomedically relevant topics through the lens of the arts and humanities. Participating students benefit from the faculty-mentor relationship and may have the opportunity to publish their work and/or design and implement a program of their design that integrates medicine and the humanities. Students who successfully fulfill the program requirements earn a certificate and a designation in the graduation program.

Goals

- Support the study of the human aspects of medicine through the traditional arts, history, philosophy, sociology, and literature, so that students will become more insightful and compassionate doctors.
- Create a forum that will foster student exploration of the connection between the practice of medicine and humanism through the lens of the humanities.
- Contribute to the development of students' professional identity formation and enhance their capacity to listen, interpret, and communicate, while fostering an appreciation for the ethical dimensions of practice.

Program Structure

MS1 Year	Summer Experience	MS2 and MS3 Years	MS4 Year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply to and begin the HIM Scholarly Concentration no later than the start of the spring semester of the MS1 year. • Enroll in the ZSOM's Healer's Art course prior to the start of the MS1 spring semester (Healer's Art course runs January/February of spring semester). • Attend at least one HIM program during the MS1 spring semester. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with HIM through at least one of the following:¹ <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Participating in the Tell Me More[®] summer research project (2) Undertaking an approved scholarly project on a humanities topic (3) Engaging in a research project with a faculty-mentor through the ZSOM Office of Medical Student Research on a humanities topic (4) Take the online Next Gen U course in Humanism in Health and Healthcare² • Attend required reflection sessions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend at least three (3) HIM programs during each MS2 and MS3 year. • Participate in the Meaning in Medicine program in the MS3 year. • Submit an original work to the Narrateur art and literary journal in either MS3 or MS4 year, and consider joining the editorial staff in any or all years at the ZSOM. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a minimum of two (2) elective blocks as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The Narrative Perspective and Reflective Writing: An Elective in Medical Humanities and (2) Tell Me More[®] (if not completed during summer); or, if Tell Me More[®] was completed during summer after MS1, complete a student-designed nonclinical Preceptorship in Medical Humanities or Medical Humanities research elective block. • Attend at least two (2) HIM programs at the ZSOM during the MS4 year.³ • Complete a CAPSTONE PROJECT, through one of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Develop/design a program that will become an offering of the ZSOM's Humanities in Medicine program. (2) Complete and present an approved scholarly project

¹This engagement should be a maximum of 20 hours and would not interfere with a specialty-focused experience or research opportunity.

²Course is available at <https://nextgenu.org/course/view.php?id=245>. Only select modules are required (up to 20 hours).

³These may count as classes attended in the above MS4 electives, with advance approval from course director.

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