

Course Description	The purpose of this course is to enhance the ability of medical students/future physicians to appropriately address spiritual issues arising within patient care.
Course Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe how spiritual belief systems may have both positive and/or negative impacts on healing and health • Compare and contrast multiple belief systems as a part of cultural diversity and explain how cultural differences may present in the health care setting • Assess how caregivers' attitudes towards patients' diverse spiritual and religious orientations have positive or negative impacts on provider-patient relationships and the healing process • Identify when it is appropriate to take a spiritual history and include it in a patient record • Construct various techniques for taking a spiritual history • Summarize when chaplains and/or other religious advisors and/or members of the interprofessional care team should be consulted and utilized in patient care. • Describe and discuss how spiritual belief systems may especially impact particular types of clinical care situations (e.g., addiction, end of life, chronic illness scenarios) • Critically explore evidence-based research pertaining to spirituality and health care outcomes (discipline specific fields).
Course Activities	Students will explore a variety of topics through online readings and discussions. Topics include: Impact of spiritual belief systems on healing and health; diversity in cultural patient-centered care; spiritual history and the professional medical role; interprofessional holistic care, collaboration in the spiritual domain; translation of evidence-based spirituality research into practice to improve health care outcomes.
Course Schedule Requirements	No on-call requirement. Student work is completed online.

Duration	2 Weeks	Location	Online
Designation	Elective, Non-Clinical, Online		Revised 08.29.2019


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