WRIT 3270 – COMMUNICATION AND HUMANISTIC HEALTH CARE

This course is designed for students preparing for careers in health care; it explores the interrelationships between Humanism, Communication, and Empathy. A focus is on how humanism models the art of medicine and when in history, humanism recedes. Many believe that we are about to lose humanistic medicine as technology eclipses practitioner-patient relationships.

This course offers interdisciplinary perspectives by having experts from a variety of disciplines approach communication and value-centered health care from their areas of expertise. Students will analyze and evaluate passages from social sciences and humanities. The course material matches the change in focus of MCAT 2015, the Medical College Admission Test.

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3 credits (Wednesday and Friday 1:00 - 2:15 PM)

Sample Course Topics:

- Principles of Health Communication
- Humanism in the History of Medicine
- Patient-Practitioner Communication
- Patients in Cultural Context
- Physician as Patient
- Public Health Communication
- Active Listening and non-verbal Communication
- Digital Communication and Evaluation of Health Websites
- Risk Communication
- Health Literacy
- Health Care Practitioners’ Writings as Explorations in Empathy
- Narrative Theory
- Medical Ethics

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