FCM 590: Spirituality in Medicine
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Notice to Students: Although Elective syllabi at MSUCOM have a consistent format; vitally important details differ by Elective. For this reason, you must read the syllabus thoroughly at the onset of each elective to understand what educational activities will be provided and what is expected of you.
Section 1 – Elective Information

Elective Description
Spirituality in Medicine is a 1 credit hour elective designed to emphasize that spirituality is a vital component of well-being for both physician and patient. The elective is administered in a round-table format that is designed to promote dialog amongst the students, instructor, and presenters when available. Various topics in spirituality relevant to all health care providers, with a special emphasis on the role of spirit in the osteopathic philosophy, will be covered. A non-biased, balanced, and safe forum will be provided for the presentation and discussion of ancient, traditional, modern, evidence and non-evidenced based perspectives. This elective is limited to COM (EL, DMC, or MUC), CHM, CON and CVM students. Others must obtain prior approval from the Faculty Coordinator.

Course Goals
By the end of the course, students will:

1. Verbalize what spirituality means to them personally.
2. Explain how spirituality can be expressed in both religious and non-religious ways.
3. Have been exposed to, and developed an appreciation and respect for the legitimacy of “non-western” medical philosophies.
4. Demonstrate an open, understanding attitude toward the philosophies of others.
5. Work with patients, their families, and colleagues in the medical profession that may have philosophies differing from their own.
6. Develop an appreciation for the philosophy of the power of intent and positive attitude in attaining human wellness.
7. Maintain patient and colleague confidentiality.
8. Make reasoned, well-informed, and morally sound decisions.

Course Coordinator
(Note - Preferred method of contact is shown in italics)
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Lines of Communication
• For administrative aspects and/or content specific questions, please contact Dr. Pintal.
• For absences (please refer to excused absence policy information provided at the end of this syllabus)
Office Hours
Before or after class, or via telephone. If contacting Dr. Pintal via telephone, mornings and evenings are preferable.

Textbooks and Reference Materials

Required

*Books are on hold and ready for purchase at Schuler’s Books. Indicate group name “Spirituality in Medicine Book Group.”

Elective Schedule
This elective is presented for 8 weeks. The specific meeting schedule will be provided on the first day of the elective. General topics covered are listed below. The sequence of topics will be determined based on presenter availability. Other topics may additionally be covered based on student interest.

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<td>Meaning of Mind, Matter and Motion</td>
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<td>Death and Dying</td>
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<td>Non-Western Medical Theories and Practices</td>
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<td>Role of Physician as a Healer</td>
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<td>Nature of Placebo</td>
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<td>Role of Religion in Medicine</td>
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<td>Meaning of Spirit in Spirituality</td>
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Required Exams/Assessments
The activities required for successful completion of this elective are listed below.

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Elective Grades

- **P-Pass**—means that credit is granted and that the student achieved a level of performance judged to be satisfactory by the instructor. To obtain a “P” grade for this Elective, a student must actively participate in at least 6 sessions of this elective.

- **N-No Grade**—means that no credit is granted and that the student did not achieve a level of performance judged to be satisfactory by the instructor. A student that does not actively participate in at least 6 sessions of this elective will receive an “N” grade.

- **Remediation** - Since all of the Electives in the MSUCOM curriculum are optional, students are not required to remediate the elective if an “N” grade is received.

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Student Evaluation of the Course

We want your feedback on how to make this Elective better for the students who come after you.

- **Informal Feedback**: Feel free to approach Dr. Pintal with your reactions and suggestions. You may also write out your comments and email them to the staff coordinator, who will provide them to Dr. Pintal.
Section 2 – Policies

Academic Honesty and Professionalism

http://www.com.msu.edu/Students/Policies_and_Programs/Med_Student_Rights_Responsibilities.htm


Each individual student is responsible for their behavior and is expected to maintain standards of academic honesty and professionalism. If any instance of academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, etc.) is discovered by an instructor, it is his or her responsibility to take appropriate action. Such action may include giving a failing grade to the student in the Elective and/or referring the student for judicial review and possible disciplinary action, which may include disciplinary suspension or dismissal from the College.

Attendance/Excused Absence

In accordance with the MSU All-University Policy on Attendance, MSUCOM does not have a regulation requiring class attendance. However, the College understands and supports the need and the right of the faculty to expect student attendance and participation in many curricular components with consequences if the student is not attending. In the spirit of professional behavior, MSUCOM students are expected to attend required class sessions (e.g., lectures, laboratories) and take all examinations during their originally scheduled times. If this is not possible, the student must obtain an excused absence. To obtain an excused absence, you need to make the following contact, as appropriate, prior to the scheduled administration of the examination(s).

Personal Emergencies:
(e.g., death in family, serious illness (acute), hospitalization, automobile difficulties).

Elective Instructor: Dr. Pintal 517-348-7035

Where there is advance notice of absence:
For advance notice absences, a student must submit his/her excused absence request at least one week in advance of the scheduled mandatory elective activity. Wedding, family celebrations, vacations, conferences, etc are not considered acceptable excuses. If an examination or other required experience is missed due to medical reasons, an attending physician’s written confirmation will be required in order for the absence to be excused.

Requests for Special Accommodations

Michigan State University is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Requests for accommodations by persons with disabilities may be made by contacting the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities at 517-884-RCPD or on the web at www.rcpd.msu.edu. Once a student’s eligibility for accommodation has been determined he/she may be issued a Verified Individualized Services and Accommodation (“VISA”) form. Please present this VISA form to Cheryl Luick, luick@msu.edu, A-331 East Fee Hall at the start of the semester and/or two weeks
prior to the accommodation date (test, project, labs, etc.). Requests received after this date will be honored whenever possible.

It is the responsibility of the student with accommodations to contact the Elective Coordinator two weeks prior to the start of the term, or two weeks prior to the scheduled assessment event or other planned use of accommodations. Requests received after this date will be honored whenever possible.

It is the responsibility of the student to submit or have submitted an updated version of their accommodations to Cheryl Luick each semester that a student plans to use their accommodations.