

# MEDICAL STRATEGIC NETWORK

WHOLE PERSON

CARE PRECEPTORSHIP

2017



## SEE ONE. DO ONE. TEACH ONE.

### See One.

**METS Conference:** The Whole Person Care Preceptorship began with a three day METS (Medical Evangelism Training and Strategies) Conference, designed to train healthcare professional students in how to ethically and sensitively have spiritual conversations with patients, listen to a patient's emotional and spiritual concerns, and share the gospel when appropriate. Lectures from attending physicians and medical faculty taught us how to take a spiritual history and shared how they regularly integrate their faith into their practice. We implemented these skills in

the Loma Linda University Medical Center.

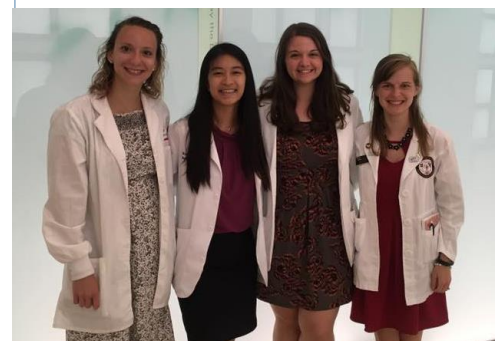
**Shadowing:** Attending physicians in the Loma Linda University medical system and surrounding areas graciously allowed us to accompany them during their working hours in clinic or at the hospital. We watched how these physicians practiced whole person care as they addressed not only the physical needs of their patients, but also the spiritual and emotional. This often looked like praying with patients and occasionally sharing the hope found in the Gospel with them.

### Do One.

**Practicum/ Wards:** Continuing from the METS conference, preceptorship participants spent half a day conversing with and ministering to patients in the LLU Medical Center: taking spiritual histories, giving encouragement, sharing the gospel, and praying with patients.

“One thing medical school doesn't teach you is that there's more to medicine than just 'medicine.' Realizing I could be used by the Holy Spirit to provide spiritual care has been incredibly affirming in living out the calling of being a Christian who happens to be a physician, not a physician who happens to be a Christian.” –Jimmy Mao (MS4 at USC)

**Mentoring:** In addition to pouring out weekly to those in the hospital, each preceptorship student spent one-on-one time with a mentoring faculty member once a week. Our mentors helped us understand more of how to walk the spirit-filled life, how to multiply our faith, and also challenged us in our walks with Christ. Men's and Women's small groups were held by our mentors where we studied the Bible together and shared our stories with one another.





“After an intense first year of medical school, doing this preceptorship was exactly what I needed. I had an opportunity to take a break from my dense books and focus only on God. With a lot of patient interaction to share the gospel and self-growth in Christ, this group gave me a great supportive community.” –Shalimar J. Delgado Perez (MS2 U of Puerto Rico)



“Being mentored by Rich changed my life. He helped me identify some of my wounds that were hindering my relationship with God. Now I feel that I can genuinely experience His love.” – Peter Azzam (MS2 LLU)



“I was unsure about what was going to happen for me participating in this preceptorship, but God truly blessed this time we shared together learning to be compassionate healers. I have found a community and family of friends who share a love for God and His children.” – Thomas Flynn (MS2 LLU)



## Teach One

The last week of preceptorship was used for teaching a group of 25 pre-professional students who came to Southern California using what we have learned during the previous weeks. We trained them how to do spiritual assessments and ethically share the gospel with patients in nursing homes. In addition, we mentored the pre-pros and aided them in assessing their own walk with Christ. This experience equipped us to teach others what we’ve learned on our own campuses, and incorporate Christ’s mission into our medical practice for a lifetime.



“This preceptorship has shown me that each patient has a personal story and is of great worth to our Maker. Each patient I encountered needed the Lord, whether they knew Him yet or not, and because I have been shown mercy through Jesus Christ, God has appointed me to serve Him through the work I do as a nurse.” – Tana Sulzener (BSN)

