

# WHOLE-PERSON CARE PRECEPTORSHIP



JUNE 9- JULY 13, 2016



*Twenty-seven healthcare professional students from all over the world trained this summer to provide spiritual care compassionately and ethically under the guidance of seasoned Christian healthcare professionals. The skills acquired and the personal spiritual growth experienced within community will last a lifetime.*

## *“A Summer That Lasts A Lifetime”*

### TRAINING

Daily seminars and visits to the hospital wards trained us **to recognize and ethically address the spiritual and emotional needs of patients.** Specifically, we learned to take spiritual histories, conduct spiritual conversations, and provide spiritual support when the patient welcomed it. Learning to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we often had the opportunity to share the gospel, provide scriptures, and pray to ultimately encourage and uplift the patients in the hospital. It was truly a blessing to see the Lord work through us and **prepare us to care for patients emotionally and spiritually in the future.**

### SHADOWING

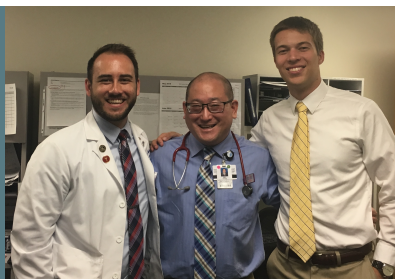
Shadowing Christian physicians who practice whole-person care has been a tremendous opportunity to learn the **specific ways these physicians address all dimensions of patient care and actively integrate spiritual care into their practice.** In addition, these shadowing experiences have given us the opportunity to personally **connect with these physicians** and learn from their personal, professional, and spiritual experience.

“Seeing physicians naturally and ethically integrate spiritual care makes me excited for our future in healthcare.”

-AUDREY KRAMER

### SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Daily individual quiet times of reading the Bible and prayer and weekly meetings with mentors allowed us **to grow tremendously in our personal relationship with God.** In small group meetings, we vulnerably shared our lives with each other and challenged one another to trust God with all parts of our lives and to find our self-worth in God alone. As a group of Christ-followers, we daily worshiped, prayed, and learned to practice living **Spirit-filled lives.** Beyond these regular practices, we developed and enjoyed an intentional **community** of fellowship and encouragement in our faith.



*“Jesus answered, ‘Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’” John 4: 13-14*



We talked to a young patient who had been hurt by the church in his childhood. As we talked about his current beliefs, we were able to identify that he had a desire to know God more personally. He wanted to go through a booklet together that shared how to do just that. While he was not ready to accept Christ, he did want prayer. We prayed for him and he reported feeling immediately more at peace. — JORGE ROSARIO



I came here strictly to learn how to provide spiritual care to my patients back home. But in the meantime, I've learned that the preceptorship is so much more than just learning how to provide spiritual care to patients. I've received spiritual care myself. I've realized so much about myself, so much about my identity in Christ and so much about my spiritual life. I really feel that this is such an encouraging and conducive environment for spiritual growth.

— CHASE COLE



A woman was attacked by a dog in an attempt to protect her grandson. The resulting missing leg shattered her view of herself. She expressed a personal relationship with Jesus, but was struggling with a need to "be strong". God allowed us to remind her that it is okay to be broken and hurting and that Christ's sacrifice demonstrated His willingness and ability to carry her burdens. She shed some tears and was encouraged by our conversation.

— JULIA HERIN

I think the largest impact of this summer is re-falling in love with Christ after a really hard year of medical school and ... and just experiencing the Holy Spirit and His guidance in a way that is so refreshing and that I haven't felt in a very long time.

— ADAM NEWBORN



Our growth towards the character of Christ through personal time and the fellowship with believers will ultimately impact us for the rest of our lives, not only in the medical field, but also in all the relationships we have and will have. It all starts with how we first identify ourselves in Christ and how that overflows into our patient care. I think that this environment really fosters that. —CHRISTINE LICATA

