

# WHOLE PERSON CARE PRECEPTORSHIP

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## Whole Person Care

The Whole Person Care Preceptorship held in Southern California equips healthcare students to integrate their faith into their future professional practice by caring for the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of patients. While living in community with like-minded believers, students gain professional, ministerial, and leadership skills which enable them to spend the rest of their careers in healthcare serving the Master Physician.

## Who We Are

- 13 Medical Students
- 8 Nursing Students
- 2 Occupational Therapy Students
- 1 Audiology Student

## Where We Are From

- 13 States
- 27,326 total miles traveled by students to get to the preceptorship

“He told them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’” - Luke 10:2 (NIV)



## See One:

At the beginning of the preceptorship, students participated in a three day Medical Evangelism Techniques and Strategies (METS) conference, where Christian healthcare professionals taught the future healthcare professionals how to provide ethical and sensitive whole person care.

Throughout the summer, students shadowed Christian physicians who regularly integrate spiritual care and their faith into practice in order to help students better understand how to care for patients physically, spiritually, and emotionally.

Once a week, students spent time one-on-one with a faculty mentor and in small groups. These served as safe places to empower brothers and sisters in Christ to pursue and follow the Lord wholeheartedly.

## Do One:

At Loma Linda University Medical Center, students were able to practice taking steps of faith by obtaining spiritual histories, conducting spiritual conversations, and providing spiritual care, when patients welcomed it.

In the Loma Linda University Medical Simulation Center, preceptor students joined actresses in a simulation lab to gain experience and be equipped with the skills needed to naturally and exquisitely care for patients under a variety of circumstances.

## Teach One:

The last week of the preceptorship was used to practice “multiplying discipleship”, a concept taught and modeled by staff throughout the Preceptorship.

Preceptorship students mentored a group of 34 pre-professional students (pre-pros) by teaching what they had learned about whole person care in the previous weeks. Preceptorship students also walked with pre-pros through spiritual care practicums in local healthcare settings

"I shadowed Dr. Burton Wang. What a wonderful example of integrating your love for others in your practice! Dr. Wang genuinely cared for the whole person, not seeing them simply as an illness that needed to be healed so homeostasis could be acquired. One patient said she was not there for a checkup or illness consult; she was there because of stressors she was dealing with in life. 'I knew Dr. Wang really cares for me, and I needed someone I could trust to talk to.' That speaks volumes to how he has been so impacted by Jesus' love that he is saturated with an overflowing love that pours onto others. He is a health care professional I want to have as a model for my patient care."

**—Kyle, nursing student, Oklahoma**



"At the beginning of the preceptorship, God gave me a clear conviction: 'Stephen, I want you to walk in the Spirit.' I think this was a bit stronger for me, given my Biblical namesake (e.g. Stephen "filled with the Spirit..."). I understood what 'walking in the Spirit' might look like but had never received advice from someone who knew what it meant to 'walk.' To my pleasant surprise, my mentor, Rich, fit the ticket. Through our meetings, I was able to hear how he learned to better walk in the Spirit, and he also spoke wisdom into my own story and personal struggles!"

**—Stephen, medical student, California**



"I loved having the opportunity to pour into a younger student who has similar aspirations as myself. We had one-on-one time to talk about our personal stories and testimonies and share about the work God has done to shape us into the men we are today. I was also able to teach him all I have learned during the past couple of weeks, offering a safe environment conducive to learning while providing me the opportunity to further learn and master all I had been taught and practiced. This was really a special time for us both to learn and grow."

**—Alex, medical student, Mississippi**

"Throughout this preceptorship, I've learned how powerful the Holy Spirit is and how we need to let Him guide our patient conversations. I got to see the Holy Spirit work through us, allowing for us to meet patients at just the right time, even in situations where we couldn't verbally communicate with patient."

**—Rebecca, nursing student, Kentucky**

