

Whole Person Care Preceptorship 2025

“A Summer that Lasts a Lifetime”



Learning in the Lounge



Overlooking LA

What is the Whole Person Care Preceptorship?

The Whole Person Care Preceptorship is a healthcare mentorship designed to equip student healthcare professionals to treat the whole person from a Christian stance. This includes assessing and addressing patients' spiritual well-being in a professional and patient centered manner. Students receive tools and training through lectures, literature, shadowing and patient interactions with the intent to take what they learn into their sphere of influence. Students spend time growing deeper in community through group activities and small groups. Students also spend time growing deeper in their personal relationship with God which lays the foundation for their growth as Christian healthcare professionals.

Patient Story

How often do we encounter people who want to know God better but don't understand the heart of Christ? Olivia (name changed) is a young adult female who was just hours out of heart surgery. Yet, through a simple conversation, it was clear to the students that she overflowed with questions about Christianity. Olivia had previously attended a Spanish-speaking church, but as an English speaker, she could only understand the small parts her mom would translate for her. Olivia believed you have to earn God's love and deeply feared that she would disappoint Him. The students shared the hope that Jesus lived a perfect life and died for her sins so that she could be restored into relationship with God. Olivia did not place her faith in Christ in that moment, but she left the conversation with a new understanding that Christ did all of the work so that she could have a relationship with God.



Prayer at Corona Del Mar Beach

"Christians who happen to be healthcare professionals"



Griffith Observatory



Joshua Tree National Park



Boba Run!

Personal Growth

The unique shadowing opportunities allowed students to witness and learn how physicians integrate whole-person care into their daily patient encounters, from eliciting a spiritual history to offering prayer. Through small groups, students also studied a book called *The Search for Significance* by Robert McGee, which addressed how to overcome the false idea that our self-worth is defined by our accomplishments and the opinions of others. "I've been learning how to shift the framework of how I approach the Christian life from one of self-improvement to one that is governed by a total reliance and dependence on Christ" (Jacob, Medical Student, CUSM).