Whole Person Care Preceptorship

Medical Strategic Network Training at Loma Linda University School of Medicine

I. TITLE: Whole Person Care Preceptorship

This is a four week elective is for medical students and other healthcare students who desire "hands on" training in "Whole Person Care." Those taking this elective will integrate spiritual care into the physical-psychosocial model. The elective is open to medical students or those accepted to begin their freshman year.

The elective is open to 40 medical students and healthcare students from accredited health science schools.

II. WHERE: Loma Linda University Medical Center, Loma Linda, CA

Students will be assigned to faculty and other clinicians sensitive to the Whole Person Care needs of their patients.

III. COURSE DIRECTORS:

Andrew Wai, MD., Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Bob Mason, MDiv., Adjunct Faculty, School of Medicine

IV. EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES:

A. Objectives

1. Students will demonstrate understanding of and skill in relating to patients from diverse ethnic and social backgrounds

2. Students will document that they understand the integration of physical, emotional, social and spiritual aspects of patients and the brokenness related to disease.

3. Students will document that they understand potential therapies for the multiple facets of brokenness associated with illness.

4. Students will document that they understand and practice high ethical standards as they seek to provide whole person care to patients.

B. Evaluation of students

1. Evaluation will include:

a) Direct faculty observation

b) Students will present papers on several of the major topics

c) Students will record integrated care as provided to the patients they saw including dialogue and a discussion of the aspects of whole person care.

2. Grade: Pass/fail

V. ELECTIVE DESCRIPTION:

The Whole Person Care Preceptorship is an intensive four-week program. Students will participate in clinical care of patients in a setting that attends to the diversity of multiethnic inner city patients and private patients under the tutelage of clinicians who attend not only to patient's physical needs but also to their emotional, social and spiritual needs. Students will participate in all aspects, including the spiritual, of integrated patient care.

Training in the ethics of integrated care, review of scientific data relevant to spiritual and psychosocial care, unique issues required to provide integrated care of the poor and training in ethnic and cultural diversity will be covered during evening sessions and on weekends.

During the first week students will actively participate in training to become competent in the provision of spiritual care. Thirty-three hours will be distributed between lectures, directed reading, work-shops and a bedside practicum conducted by course faculty.

The Whole Person Care Preceptorship is partnered with Loma Linda University and its health related schools.

A. Time allocation (first week)

1. Lecture and directed teaching: 19 hours

2. Small group interaction: 8 hours

3. Practicum in Whole Person Care: 6 hours

B. Time allocation (the last three weeks):

1. Clinical time: 3 hours per day, 2-3 days/week

2. Library research time: 3 hours/day 2 days/week

3. Class and lecture: 2 hours/day, 4 days/week;

4. Group sessions, one on one debriefing: 2 hours/day, 5 days/week.

5. Three of the weekend and holiday days will be spent in training sessions.