

## **Religion and Medicine ENRH-145**

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### **Objectives:**

1. To develop students' understanding of the religious diversity of future patients in American and global contexts, focusing on cultural competence related to religion and medicine.
2. To explore the history, core beliefs, and worldviews of the most significant world religions.
3. To understand how religious beliefs inform the perspectives of physicians and patients in the healthcare setting.

### **Course Description:**

Religion & Medicine ENRH-145 is a course that explores the intersection of religion, spirituality, and medicine. Throughout the course, students will engage in discussions with religious leaders, physicians, and patients from various backgrounds to develop cultural competence and gain insights into the historical and contemporary connections between religion and healing.

### **Requirements:**

- Minimum 5 participants for the course to be conducted
- Maximum 30 students per course (if applicable)

### **Rationale:**

For centuries, world religions have contributed valuable insights to the study of health, disease, and healing. This course aims to provide future healthcare practitioners with an understanding of the religious diversity of their patients and the impact of religious beliefs on healthcare practices. By fostering dialogue and appreciation for different religious perspectives, students will develop cultural competency, which is essential for delivering compassionate and effective healthcare.

### **Format:**

- Eight sessions, each lasting 1-2 hours.
- Sessions will include presentations by course directors and guest speakers from diverse religious backgrounds and local faith communities.
- Each session will involve a 40-minute to 1.5-hour talk on the topic of the week, followed by interactive discussions and Q&A.

### **Make-Up Opportunities:**

- Students can make up a maximum of two classes:
  - One class can be made up by attending a Dallas-area or university lecture related to religion & medicine and writing a half-page response.

- One class can be made up by reading an academic article or watching an online video related to religion & medicine and writing a half-page response.
- Note: The ethics bowl is mandatory and cannot be skipped

**Student Evaluation:**

- Grades will be pass/fail.
- Attendance is required to receive credit for the course.
- All sessions will be over zoom except for the in-person Ethics Bowl!

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- Grading will be pass/fail.
- To receive transcript acknowledgment, students must:
- Attend at least 8 sessions (OR 6 sessions and 2 make-up OR 7 Sessions and 1 make-up).
- Complete the online course evaluation form.