



Course Title: Narrative Medicine and the Clinical Encounter

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Course Description:

Every patient has a life story that goes beyond the symptoms they bring into the doctor's office, and Narrative Medicine offers a unique approach to incorporating storytelling and narratives in clinical settings. This course aims to provide students with an overview of the narrative medicine workshop method, which has been proven to yield positive outcomes for both patients and caregivers. By examining the power of skills such as active listening, close reading, creative writing, and self-reflection, students will learn how an understanding of narrative humility enhances clinical practice, promotes empathy, and contributes to compassionate patient care. Students will be exposed to compelling case studies in the form of literary texts and artwork that highlight the transformative potential of narrative medicine. By the end of the course, students will have acquired enhanced communication skills, valuable insights into the integration of narrative techniques within the clinical encounter, and a more nuanced understanding of the human experience in the context of healthcare.