

Physicians & Social Responsibility 1 (CBHX2408) 1 credit Concurrent Elective

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Maximum number of students: 16

Physicians have responsibilities not only to deliver excellent care, but also to work to make systems more just and compassionate. The purpose of this elective is to help students develop the knowledge, skills, and habits that they need to take on social responsibilities and to bring about change. The course requirements include reading, research, discussion, and a proposal for a project that students could work on in the future. Topics vary somewhat from year to year, but often include health care systems, health disparities, safety net care, physician salaries and student debt, medical care for immigrants and refugees, climate change and human health, treatment of LGBTQ patients, and forms of advocacy. The 2-hour seminars are scheduled on eight Wednesday afternoons from October to March (avoiding Wednesdays before exams).

Open to MS1, MS2, and MS4 students.