



Chaplain Mentor Program

General Description

This mentor program is coordinated through HSD Ministry and the LUMC Pastoral Care Department.

The Chaplain Mentor Program experience begins with an opening orientation session, followed by an experience of shadowing a hospital Chaplain attending to the spiritual needs of patients. There will also be a small group, final closing reflection session. The shadowing opportunity has sometimes been an intense experience for students, as some have witnessed their first death in medicine through this program. The Pastoral Care and HSD Ministry staff are here to support you throughout your experience, and are available to meet, process, and reflect with you – before, during, and after your shadowing.

Objectives and Outcomes

1. To foster a professional relationship between Chaplains and First Year Medical Students.
2. To begin to understand the training and role of Chaplains on the health care team.
3. To begin to understand the expertise and training of Chaplains.
4. To provide students an opportunity to interact with their future colleagues on a professional basis.
5. To learn an appreciation for the spiritual aspects of caring for patients.
6. To nurture inspiration, motivation and enthusiasm for a career in medicine.
7. To improve observation skills: the ability to assess the environment, select critical cues, attend to what is seen and transfer to subsequent interactions.
8. To begin to understand the complexities of the medical profession.
9. To observe the importance of good communication skills in establishing a positive doctor-patient relationship.

Requirements

You are required to meet with your Chaplain Mentor Program group on the assigned dates, noted on the special Chaplain Mentor schedule posted on the PCMI course website. The full program requirements include:

1. Attend the **one hour orientation** session as assigned.
2. Participate in **one, two hour rotation with a Chaplain.**
3. Attend a one hour **reflection and debriefing** session as assigned.
4. Submit a 1-2 page **written reflection** on your experience, submitted to HSD Ministry (HSDministry@luc.edu), the LUMC Pastoral Care department (joadawson@lumc.edu), and your reflection group Chaplain (details will be released from HSD Ministry the week before your group meeting.)