Kidney Companions: Dialysis Patient Pairing Program – OE 960

Brief description (200 words or less of course details):

Kidney Companions (KC) pairs up students interested in internal medicine, nephrology and/or transplant surgery with patients on hemodialysis at a local clinic to meet on a monthly basis. The goal of these meetings is to provide students with an opportunity to have a longitudinal relationship with an individual with chronic health issues.

There will also be educational sessions throughout the year to compliment the experience by providing more in-depth information on end stage renal disease, kidney transplantation, and dialysis treatments.

Session will be held Tuesdays from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

Semester offered: Fall

Registration information: Contact student leaders below

Requirements for credit:

Attendance at educational sessions will be mandatory. Students will also be required to complete an entrance and exit survey, as well as a reflection on the experience. Students will also be asked to report on how many times per semester they have met with their assigned patients. Once monthly visits will be the minimum.

Contact information (student and faculty leaders):

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Offered in this academic year: YES