Medical Mandarin – OE 942

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

To provide students with language and cultural education in order to facilitate patient-provider communication and to improve health care delivery. The learning objectives are aligned with the core competencies of UMMS.

1. Patient Care & Advocacy:
   • Apply Medical Mandarin in obtaining patient history and performing physical exams.
   • Improve patient access by facilitating communications between Mandarin-speaking patients and English-speaking staff.
   • Participate in community outreach activities.

2. Interpersonal and Communication Skills:
   • Use language other than English to develop and maintain patient-physician relationships (for Intermediate & Advanced Speakers).
   • Learn forms of non-verbal communication in Mandarin-speaking patients.

3. Professionalism
   • Learn in an interprofessional setting.
   • Discuss cultural beliefs and practices common to Mandarin-speaking patients.

4. Clinical Problem Solver
   • Practice generating differential diagnoses using English and Mandarin medical terminology.
   • Shadow UMMS staff physicians caring for Mandarin-speaking patients.

5. Physician as a Person
   • Participate in on-campus cultural activities hosted by the course leaders and faculty.
   • Meet friends through “Mandarin Study Breaks”

Semester offered: Fall

Registration information: Contact student leaders

Requirements for Credit:

All students must attend 7 out of 10 in-class sessions (1-1.5 hr. each)
All students must engage in at least 2 hours of supplemental activities of their choice

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Offered in this academic year: YES