**Spiritual Diversity: Hope & Healing**

An interprofessional education program for those who:
- Are health care professionals, students, interested spiritual seekers
- Wish to learn some of the foundational considerations and elements of the provision of spiritual health care in a hospital setting
- Wish to explore diversity, meaning, hope and healing in the hospital environment

**Hope and Healing**

The Spiritual Diversity: Hope and Healing course provides students with the opportunity to explore in a reflective, interactive and participatory classroom setting, human wholeness and healing as it relates to the patient experience. The course will offer a variety of classes intended to develop the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the patient experience from an open and diverse perspective. This course serves as the theoretical foundation for the Supervised Practicum.

**The Learning Environment**

Students explore the fundamentals of spiritual health through a variety of classroom sessions, guest speakers, and role plays. Theory and practice will be woven together in the classroom environment, as students gain knowledge in various aspects of the provision of spiritual health care in a hospital setting. This course is comprised of classroom hours only, and provides a basic framework for the practice of spiritual care. Students are invited to apply to the Spiritual Diversity: Supervised Practicum course as an opportunity to practice the skills they learn in the Hope and Healing course.

**Learning Outcomes**

Students will create their own specific ongoing learning goals within the parameters of the course. Readings, assignments, and coursework will incorporate the individual student’s areas of interest.

In addition, the following learning outcomes will be highlighted as important areas of knowledge and growth for all students:

- The student will be able to articulate an increased awareness and appreciation for their own particular spiritual perspective
- To explore a diversity of spiritual and healing resources within a multi-cultural, multi-faith perspective
- Develop skills needed to understand the patient’s own experience of illness, suffering and death

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