



Chaplain Mentor Program

General Description

This mentor program is run through University Ministry, directed by Sister Brenda Egan, D.Min.

You will have an opening session, followed by 2 episodes of shadowing a hospital chaplain attending to the spiritual aspects of patients. There will be a final closing session to the program. This has been an intense experience for students, as some have experienced witnessing their first death in medicine through this program. Overall, this will be a very supportive experience.

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 with establishing a good doctor-patient relationship.

Requirements

You are required to meet with your chaplain mentor at the assigned times (see above)

You will have a ministry reflection due after each of your 2 shadowing session with your chaplains. Reflections should be uploaded through the Portfolio program in myLUMEN.