NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAM IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES

The Division of Medical Humanities & Bioethics at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry is now accepting applications for the new Master’s Degree Program in Medical Humanities starting in September 2015.

Medicine is a science and an art. Caring for a patient is a professional and scientific practice; it is also a personal and profoundly human relationship for both the patient and the practitioner. The field of medical humanities uses the perspectives and tools of humanities and arts disciplines – including literature, ethics, history, visual arts and others – to study the human contexts of healthcare.

In the biopsychosocial tradition of healthcare education at Rochester, the program provides foundational training in this field. Students study humanities to consider interpersonal perspectives and sociocultural contexts of patients and caregivers, and to develop skills that can be applied directly to the practice and teaching of healthcare.

PROGRAM DETAILS
This is a full-time, one year graduate degree program. In special circumstances, qualified applicants can matriculate on a part-time basis to accommodate their work schedules.

WHO ARE THE FACULTY?
Clinicians in Medicine, Nursing, and other Health Care fields, as well as Scholars in the Humanities.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?
This one year degree program fosters interdisciplinary collaborative teaching and learning. It is intended for students, trainees, professionals and scholars in:

• Healthcare Disciplines (medicine, nursing, dentistry, social work, pastoral care, physician assistants, physical and occupational therapy, and allied health fields) who want to develop humanities-based knowledge and skills that can be applied to clinical practice

• Humanities and Social Science Disciplines (literature, history, philosophy and ethics, visual arts, anthropology, gender, cultural and religious studies, etc.) who want to integrate aspects of medicine and patient care into their academic work and teaching

• Gap Year students

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Health care is a science and an art. Caring for a patient is a professional and scientific practice; it is also a personal relationship between the patient and practitioner.

The Medical Humanities Master's degree program provides a foundation in the use of perspectives and tools from humanities and arts to study the human contexts of health care. Students examine interpersonal perspectives and sociocultural backgrounds in relation to health. In doing so, they develop humanistic skills that can be applied to the practice and teaching of health care.

Students learn and apply knowledge and approaches from humanities and arts to contemporary health care, focusing on:
- personal values, beliefs, and feelings of both the patient and the practitioner about illness
- broader social and cultural contexts that shape the patient's experience of sickness and the practitioner's experience of care

Who is this program for?
This interdisciplinary one-year graduate program is for students and professionals in:
- Health Care disciplines — Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Social Work, Pastoral Care, Allied Health Sciences
- Humanities and Social Science disciplines — Literature, History, Visual Arts, Anthropology, Gender, Culture, and Religion

What are the program components?
- Core courses in key Humanities disciplines — Narrative, Bioethics, Medical History, and Visual Arts
- Electives in Medical Humanities & Bioethics
- Research design seminar on qualitative and quantitative methodology fundamentals
- Clinical practicum on a contemporary health care issue
- Final capstone project based on the clinical practicum or a traditional thesis

Who are the faculty?
- Clinicians in Medicine, Nursing, and other Health Care fields
- Scholars in Humanities