MEDICAL HUMANITIES ELECTIVES AND SCHOLARLY CONCENTRATION COURSES

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The following elective courses are available to all fourth-year medical students.

1) Humanistic Elements of Medicine—Dr. Ray and McGovern Center faculty

2) Pathographies of Mental Illness—Dr. Carlin

3) Contemporary Physician-Authors—Dr. Carlin

Students are required to contact the coordinator at least 30 days before the elective’s start date.

The Humanistic Elements of Medicine course is also designed to satisfy requirements of the Medical Humanities Scholarly Concentration, and Pathographies of Mental Illness may be taken to substitute for selected program requirements in certain circumstances. Concentration students opting to enroll in the latter elective for these purposes should first contact the program coordinator (Dr. Gomez) and, if necessary, obtain approval from the Scholarly Concentration director (Dr. Ray). The Medical Humanities Scholarly Concentration is a four-year program that offers students the opportunity to enrich their medical education by study and involvement in the humanities through elective courses, seminars, speaker series, community outreach opportunities, writing workshops, clinical engagement, and directed research. Upon completion of the program, students will receive special designation as John P. McGovern Humanities Scholars. They will also have the opportunity to present research papers in Texas Medical Center forums and at national meetings. This designation will be noted on the student’s permanent transcript, in the Dean’s Letter, and at graduation. Students will also receive a McGovern Humanities Scholar Certificate at graduation.