

Effective Communication

Course Description

This 2-credit course provides an overview of communication technique and its role in science and medicine. Effective communication of health and science is a key skill in medicine. In this course you will learn to be in the moment, to really see and respond to what is in front of you and learn to communicate difficult concepts to general audience.

This course will focus on a number of areas of instruction:

- i) distilling Information and tailoring its presentation to different audiences,
- ii) team building through ensemble based improvisational exercises,
- iii) developing interviewing skills,
- iv) exploring the doctor/patient relationship through role play exercises,
- v) practicing Interpersonal and practical skills necessary for conducting a History and Physical Examination (OSCE), and
- vi) creating talks for oral presentation.

Students will have an opportunity to participate in selected experiential improvisational exercises that are designed to further develop their:

- 1) self-awareness and awareness of others,
- 2) observational and communication skills,
- 3) ability to think and act creatively and
- 4) oral presentations of newer clinical trials or experimental procedures suitable for audiences with limited scientific knowledge.

This course will facilitate a deeper understanding of your future role in caring for patients, understanding and communicating novel experimental therapies and procedures, and working with team members in accomplishing mutually negotiated goals and objectives.