

ELECTIVES & SUB-INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

MEFAM - Family & Community Medicine

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COURSE TYPE: (A) PRECLINICAL

MEFAM-407	Preclinical: Introduction to Care of the Underserved (Aggarwal)
MEFAM-408A	Preclinical: Medical Spanish - Introduction (Franco)
MEFAM-408B	Preclinical: Medical Spanish - Advanced (Franco)
MEFAM-409	Preclinical: Longitudinal Community Medicine and Primary Care (Aggarwal)
MEFAM-423	Preclinical: History of Medicine (F Khan)
MEFAM-428	Preclinical: Compassion and the Art of Medicine (Fields-Gilmore)
MEFAM-447	Preclinical: ON HOLD: Refugee and Immigrant Medicine (Nietfeld)
MEFAM-602	Preclinical: The Healer's Art (Blumenreich)

COURSE TYPE: (B) NON-CLINICAL

MEFAM-523	Non-Clinical Research: Health Services Research (Gonzalez)
MEFAM-530	Non-Clinical Advanced: Underserved Care Clinic (Aggarwal)
MEFAM-535	Non-Clinical Research: Community Project in Underserved Care (Aggarwal)

COURSE TYPE: (C) CLINICAL

MEFAM-200	Clinical: Procedures in Primary Care (Rode)
MEFAM-201	Clinical: 2 WEEKS: Addiction Medicine (Kowalchuk)
MEFAM-504	Clinical: Clinical Preceptorship in Family Medicine (Huang)
MEFAM-511	Clinical: Care of the Underserved at Northwest Health Center (F Khan)
MEFAM-512	Clinical: ON HOLD: Immigrant Medicine (Nietfeld)
MEFAM-515	Clinical: Required Sub-Internship in Family Medicine at BTGH (Sulapas)

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Preclinical
**INTRODUCTION
TO CARE OF THE
UNDERSERVED**

MEFAM-407

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Term 2: Open to MS1 and MS2

Enrollment: CAMS Portal system; Due one week before and one week after the start of the elective.

Days/Time: Didactic Schedule - Thursdays 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Dates: Refer to Blackboard

Location: BCM Main Campus/Virtual Zoom Sessions

Prerequisite: N/A

Maximum/Minimum: 50/10

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2022(P); 2021(49)

Credits: 0.5

Blackboard: Yes

Grading Rubric: Pass/Fail

Students must have a 70 or higher to pass the course. Attendance/Participation: 80% (5 points for attendance and 5 points for participation). May miss one class without penalty. Short reflection paper: 20%. Discuss knowledge/thoughts/attitudes before the course and how they changed based on the instruction.

Important Information: Material on Blackboard

Preclinical
**MEDICAL SPANISH
- INTRODUCTORY -**

MEFAM-408A

Elective Director: **Anayatzy Franco, MD**

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Term 1: MS1 and MS2 students Fall 2021

Enrollment: CAMS Portal system; Due one week before and one week after the start of the elective.

Dates and Topics: Refer to Blackboard

Location: BCM Main Campus/Virtual Zoom Sessions

Prerequisite: N/A

Maximum/Minimum: 20/3

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2022(P); 2021(43); 2020 (N/A); 2019(N/A); 2018(16); 2017(14)

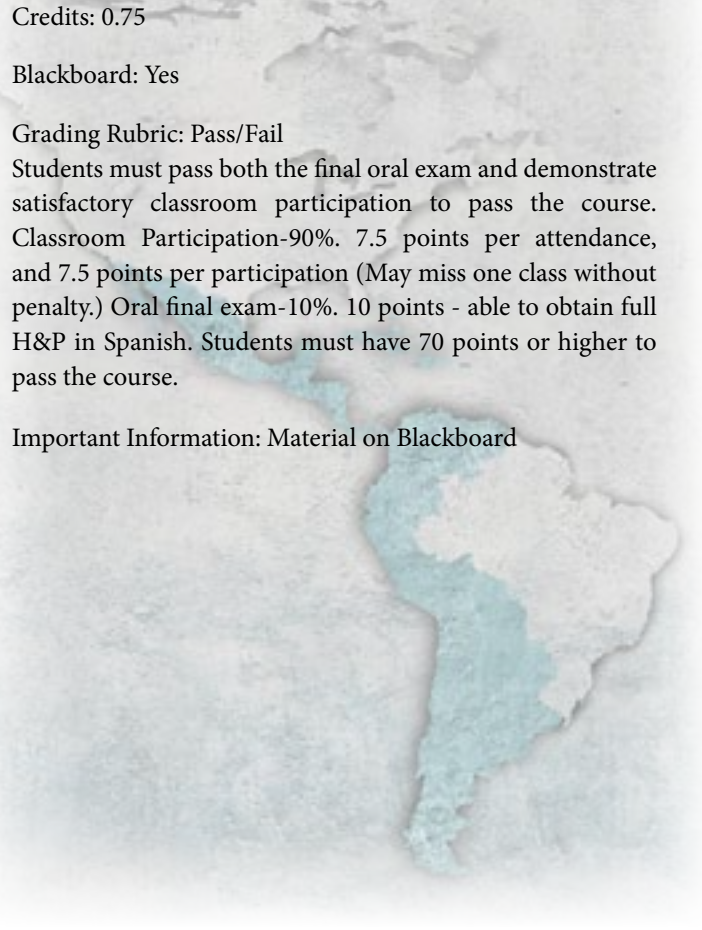
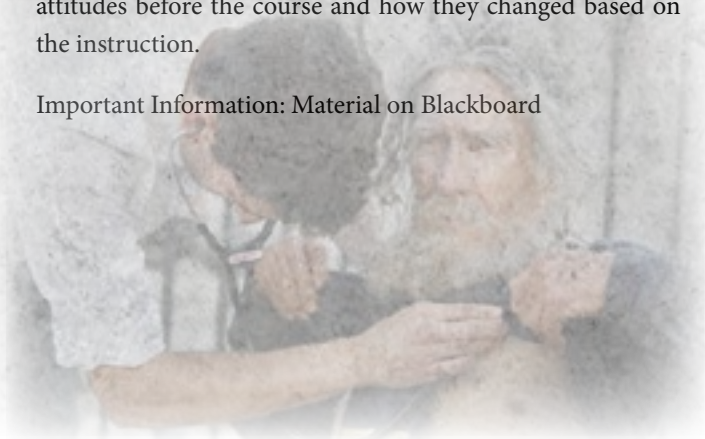
Credits: 0.75

Blackboard: Yes

Grading Rubric: Pass/Fail

Students must pass both the final oral exam and demonstrate satisfactory classroom participation to pass the course. Classroom Participation-90%. 7.5 points per attendance, and 7.5 points per participation (May miss one class without penalty.) Oral final exam-10%. 10 points - able to obtain full H&P in Spanish. Students must have 70 points or higher to pass the course.

Important Information: Material on Blackboard



Preclinical
**MEDICAL SPANISH
- ADVANCED -**

MEFAM-408B

Elective Director: **Anayatzy Franco, MD**

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Term 2: Open for MS1 and MS2 Fall 2021

Enrollment: CAMS Portal system; Due one week before and one week after the start of the elective.

Dates and Topics: Refer to Blackboard

Location: BCM Main Campus/Virtual Zoom Sessions

Prerequisite: N/A

Maximum/Minimum: 20/1; International students - No; Visiting students - No

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2022(P); 2021(N/A); 2020(N/A); 2019 (N/A); 2018 (10); 2017 (10)

Credits: 0.75

Blackboard: Yes

Grading Rubric: Pass/Fail

Classroom participation (90%); 7.5 points per attendance and 7.5 points per participation (May miss one class without penalty); Final oral exam (10%: Pass/Fail); Able to obtain full H&P, state the verbiage needed to perform an exam, and explain treatment in Spanish.

Student must pass both the final oral exam as well as demonstrate satisfactory classroom attendance/participation to pass the course. Students must have 70 points or higher to pass the course.

Important Information: Material on Blackboard

Preclinical
**LONGITUDINAL
COMMUNITY MEDICINE
& PRIMARY CARE**

MEFAM-409

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Term: MS2-1 & 2

Enrollment: CAMS Portal system; Due one week before and one week after the start of the elective.

Days/Time: Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Dates and Topics: Refer to Blackboard

Community Event Dates: Refer to Blackboard

Location: BCM Main Campus/Virtual Zoom Sessions

Prerequisite: N/A

Maximum/Minimum: 10/1

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2022(P); 2021(12); 2020(9)

Credits: 1.5

Blackboard: Yes

Grading Rubric: Community experience (4 total): 10 pts each for a maximum of 40 pts. 20% of grade based on graded paper. The paper must be completed and submitted to pass the course (20 pts).



Preclinical
**HISTORY OF
MEDICINE**

MEFAM-423

Elective Director: **Fareed Khan, MBBS**

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Term: 4/MS1

Enrollment: CAMS Portal System; Due one week before and one week after the start of elective.

Days/Time: Tuesdays 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Dates and Topics: Refer to Blackboard

Location: Zoom only

Prerequisite: N/A

Maximum/Minimum: 100/1

International students - NO; Visiting students - YES

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2022(P); 2021(12); 2020(96); 2019(81); 2018(112); 2017(84)

Credits: 0.5

Blackboard: Yes

Grading Rubric: Pass/Fail; Mandatory attendance for 7 of 9 lectures

Important Information: Flyer sent before start of elective; Optional paper: Top papers will receive recognition and a cash award.

Preclinical
**COMPASSION AND
THE ART OF MEDICINE**

MEFAM-428

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Term: 1/MS1; 1/MS2 (Start in Term 1/End in Term 2)

Enrollment: CAMS Portal System; Due one week before and one week after the start of elective.

Days/Time: Fridays 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Dates and Topics: Refer to Blackboard

Prerequisite: N/A

Maximum/Minimum: 200/15;

International students - NO; Visiting students - NO

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2022(P); 2021(14); 2020(63); 2019(62); 2018(67); 2017(94)

Credits: 1.50

Blackboard: Yes

Grading Rubric: Pass/Fail based on attendance

Important Information: Flyer sent out prior to start of term. Material on Blackboard



Preclinical
**REFUGEE AND
IMMIGRANT MEDICINE**

MEFAM-447

Elective Director:

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Term: MS1 Term 3

Enrollment: CAMS Portal system; Due one week before and one week after the start of the elective.

Days/Time: Fridays 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Dates and Topics: Refer to Blackboard

Prerequisite: N/A

Maximum/Minimum: 45/5;

International students - NO; Visiting students - NO

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2022 (P); 2021(0); 2020(43); 2019(16)

Blackboard: Yes

Grading Rubric: Paper + attendance at 80% of classes

Faculty Approval: No

Preclinical
THE HEALER'S ART

MEFAM-602

Elective Director: **Joy Blumenreich, MD**

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Term: 3/MS1

Enrollment: CAMS Portal System; Due one week before and one week after the start of elective.

Days/Time: Tuesdays 6:00 - 9:15 PM

Dates and Topics: Refer to Blackboard

Location: Refer to Blackboard

Prerequisite: N/A

Maximum/Minimum: 40/15;

International students - NO; Visiting students - NO

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2021(70); 2020(38); 2019(21); 2018(27)

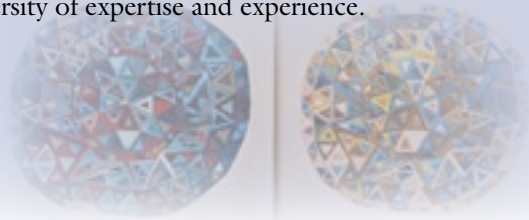
Credits: 1

Blackboard: Yes

Grading Rubric: Pass/Fail based on attendance; Student must attend first session to participate and can miss only one of the five sessions

Faculty Approval: No

Important Information: Identify, strengthen, and cultivate the human dimensions of the practice of medicine; Learn and trust the power of listening and presence to heal others; Recognize and experience the impact of skills and feedback listening generously and compassionately; Identify effective and ineffective behavioral responses to loss and grief; Articulate and strengthen a personal commitment to medicine as their life's work; Experience practicing physicians sharing their experiences of loss, grief, mystery, and awe in practicing medicine; Witness the unity of commitment to service that lies beneath the diversity of expertise and experience.



Non-clinical Research
**HEALTH SERVICES
RESEARCH**

MEFAM-523

Elective Director: **Sandra Gonzalez, PhD, LCSW**

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Term: Offered 12 months

Enrollment: Paper form must be submitted at least 4 weeks before start date of elective; Approval by Course Director. Form with goals & objectives completed is required, along with LCSA and Dean's signatures (Registrar will obtain Dean's signature)

Lectures/Days: Monday through Friday

Weekends - NO; Night calls - NO

A schedule for the 4-week rotation will be given at the start of elective

Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Location: Report to 3701 Kirby Drive, Suite 600 at 9:00 AM

Prerequisite: N/A

Maximum/Minimum: 4/1;

International students - NO; Visiting students - NO

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2022(P); 2021(2); 2020(2); 2019(1); 2018(1); 2017(3)

Credits: 4

Blackboard: Yes

Grading Rubric: Pass/Fail

Faculty Approval: Yes

Faculty: Zoorob/Gonzalez/Grigoryan

Important Information: Create/revise projects; Continued longitudinal sessions until manuscript publication

Non-clinical Research
**COMMUNITY PROJECT
IN UNDERSERVED CARE**

MEFAM-535

Elective Director: **Anjali Aggarwal, MD**

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Term: 1A/MS3

Enrollment: Paper form must be submitted to Registrar's office

Dates and Topics: Refer to Blackboard

Location: Zoom sessions/BCM Main Campus

Maximum/Minimum: 30/5

International students - NO; Visiting students - NO

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2022(32); 2021(26); 2020(17); 2019(19); 2018(9); 2017(12)

Credits: 1

Blackboard: Yes

Grading Rubric: Pass/Fail

Faculty Approval: Yes

Important Information: This elective serves as a requirement to complete Care of the Underserved track requirements. In this elective, students will work as a group to design and conduct a community project to benefit a segment of the underserved population.



Non-clinical Advanced
**UNDERSERVED CARE
CLINIC**

MEFAM-530

Elective Director: **Anjali Aggarwal, MD**

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Enrollment: Paper form must be submitted to Registrar's office 4 weeks prior to start date; Faculty & LCSA signatures required

Days/Time: Monday through Friday - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Weekends - NO; Night calls - NO

Location: HOMES Clinic/San Jose Clinic/Other

Prerequisite: N/A

International students - NO; Visiting students - NO

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2022(P); 2021(1); 2020(1); 2019(1); 2018(1); 2017(1)

Credits: 0.5

Blackboard: Yes

Grading Rubric: Evaluations by preceptors due within 2 weeks of course completion

Faculty Approval: Yes

Faculty: Aggarwal/Clark/Shepherd/Blumenreich/Eswaran/Pillow/Grair

Important Information: Fundamentals of caring for the underserved and practice clinical skills

Clinical
**PROCEDURES
IN PRIMARY CARE**

MEFAM-200

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Term: 2021-2 week

Enrollment: Registration begins 2.5 months in advance through Elective Portal System. Can add up to 4 weeks before term begins. Drop up to 6 weeks before start of elective. Requires permission of Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Lectures/Days: Monday through Friday

Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Location: Please see details on the course schedule.

Dates and Topics: Refer to Blackboard

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2022(P); 2021(8)

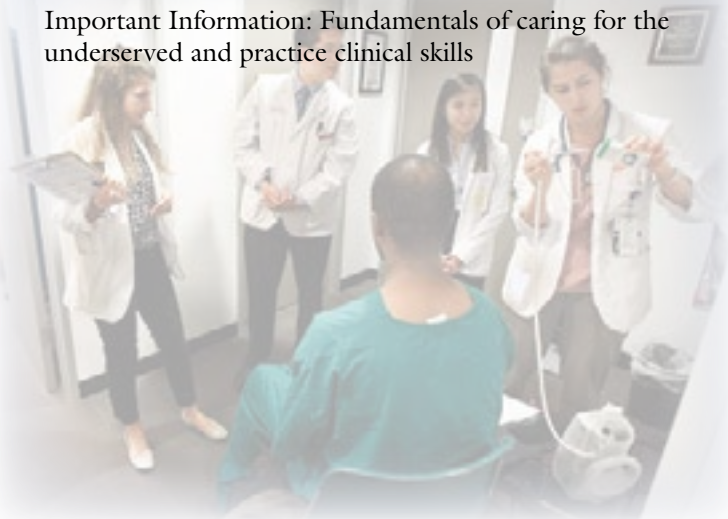
Credits: 2

Blackboard: Yes

Grading Rubric: Clinical performance; Evaluation by preceptors

Faculty Approval: No

Faculty: Atkinson/Franco/Abdalla/Danek/Levison/Nijjar/Rode



Clinical
ADDICTION MEDICINE

MEFAM-201 (2 weeks)

Elective Director: **Alicia Kowalchuk, DO**

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Term: 2 weeks

Enrollment: Registration begins 2.5 months in advance through Elective Portal System. Can add up to 4 weeks before term begins. Drop up to 6 weeks before start of elective. Requires permission of Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Days/Time: Monday-Friday, 8-hour days

Night Call: Yes (1)

Weekends: Yes (1 weekend day)

Location: BTH, VAMC

Prerequisite: N/A

Maximum/Minimum: 1

International students - NO; Visiting students - NO

Enrollment of prior sessions: N/A

Credits: 2.0

Blackboard: Yes

Grading Rubric: H, HP, P, MP, F Narrative Evaluation

Evaluation Information:

Clinical performance 80% (SPAF)

Case Presentation (written) 10% (completion only)

Patient Write-up (written) 10% (completion only)



Clinical
**PRECEPTORSHIP
IN FAMILY MEDICINE**

MEFAM-504

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Enrollment: Registration begins 2.5 months in advance through Elective Portal System. Can add up to 4 weeks before term begins. Drop up to 6 weeks before start of elective. Need permission of Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Lectures/Days: Generally Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Possibly some weekday evening hours

Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Location: Assigned to Family Physician's office

Prerequisite: Family Medicine & Medicine Core Clerkships; No visiting or international students

Maximum/Minimum: 0/1;

International students - NO; Visiting students - NO

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2022(P); 2021(3); 2020(0); 2019(2); 2018(1); 2017(1)

Credits: 4

Blackboard: No

Grading Rubric: Clinical performance by Preceptor (100%)

Faculty Approval: Yes

Important Information: Additional experience in Family Medicine



Clinical
**CARE OF
THE UNDERSERVED**

MEFAM-511

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Enrollment: Registration begins 2.5 months in advance through Elective Portal System. Can add up to 4 weeks before term begins. Drop up to 6 weeks before start of elective. Need permission of Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Lectures/Days: Monday through Friday; 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Weekends - NO; Night calls - NO

Location: Northwest Health Center, 1100 West 34th Street

Prerequisite: Medicine, Pediatrics, or Family and Community Medicine

Maximum/Minimum: 0/1;

International students - NO; Visiting students - YES

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2022(P); 2021(4); 2020(3); 2019(10); 2018(4); 2017(4)

Credits: 4

Blackboard: Yes

Grading Rubric: H, HP, P, MP, F Narrative Evaluation

Faculty Approval: Yes

Faculty: Clark/Huang/Danek/Khan/Levison/Pham/Warwick

Important Information: Care of patients in underserved setting

Clinical
IMMIGRANT MEDICINE

MEFAM-512

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Enrollment: Registration begins 2.5 months in advance through Elective Portal System. Can add up to 4 weeks before term begins. Drop up to 6 weeks before start of elective. Need permission of Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Lectures/Days: Monday through Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Weekends - Optional; Night calls - NO

Location: Thomas Street HIV Clinic/Casa Juan Diego Catholic Worker Clinic/Casa de Amigos CHC/Ben Taub TB Clinic/ Antoine refugee Clinic. Schedule will be provided to those enrolled in the class.

Prerequisite: Internal, Pediatrics, Ob/GYN, Psychiatry, Surgery, and Family Medicine Core Clerkship

Maximum/Minimum: 1/0;

International students - NO; Visiting students - NO

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2022(P); 2021(3); 2020(0); 2019(1); 2018(2); 2017(1)

Credits: 4

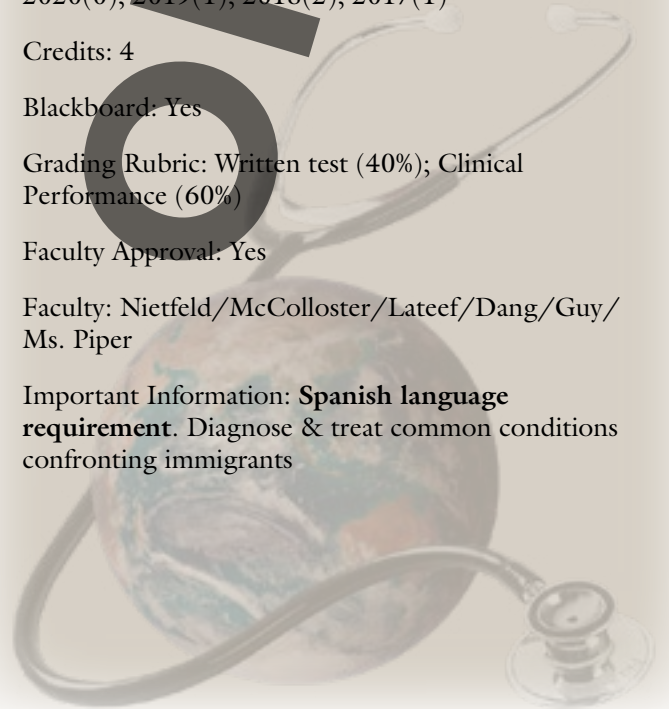
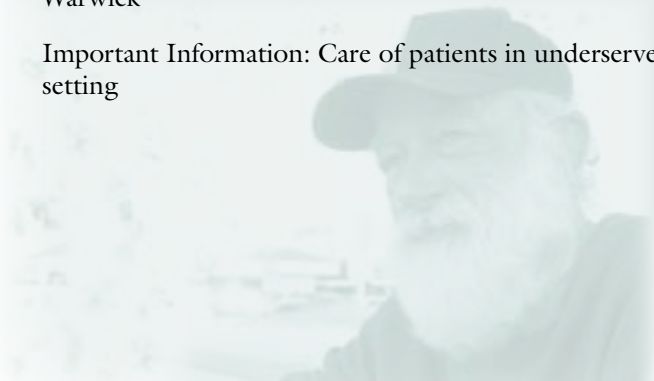
Blackboard: Yes

Grading Rubric: Written test (40%); Clinical Performance (60%)

Faculty Approval: Yes

Faculty: Nietfeld/McColloster/Lateef/Dang/Guy/Ms. Piper

Important Information: **Spanish language requirement.** Diagnose & treat common conditions confronting immigrants



Clinical
**REQUIRED SUB-
INTERNSHIP
IN FAMILY MEDICINE
(BEN TAUB)**

MEFAM-515

Elective Director: **Irvin Sulapas, MD**

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Term: MS3/MS4; Offered all 12 months

Enrollment: Registration begins 2.5 months in advance through Elective Portal System. Can add up to 4 weeks before term begins. Drop up to 6 weeks before start of elective. Need permission of Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Lectures/Days: 5-6 per week - Monday through Friday

8-10 hrs/day; Weekends - YES; Night calls - YES

Location: Ben Taub General Hospital; Report BTGH at 8:00 AM; Spectralink: Call resident-713.873.9507

Prerequisite: Family Medicine & Medicine core clerkships

Maximum/Minimum: 0/1;

International students - NO; Visiting students - NO

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2022(P); 2021(10); 2020(7); 2019(9); 2018(10); 2017(3)

Credits: 4

Blackboard: Yes

Grading Rubric: Clinical evaluation by preceptors (90%) and Professionalism (10%). Evaluate Composite grade; Sub-internship professionalism rubric

Faculty Approval: No

Faculty: All inpatient and Ob faculty

Important Information: Family Medicine inpatient & obstetric care

