

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-Introductory (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: 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-504	Clinical: Clinical Preceptorship in Family Medicine (Huang)
MEFAM-511	Clinical: Care of the Underserved at Northwest Health Center (F Khan)
MEFAM-512	Clinical: 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: 10/08; 10/15; 10/22; 10/29; 11/05; 11/12; 11/19; 12/03

Location: BCM Main Campus/Virtual Zoom Sessions

Prerequisite: N/A

Maximum/Minimum: 50/10

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2021 (P)

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

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Term 1: MS1 and MS2 students Fall 2020

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

Days/Time: TBA

Dates: TBA

Location: BCM Main Campus/Virtual Zoom Sessions

Prerequisite: N/A

Maximum/Minimum: 20/3

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2021(P); 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

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Term 2: Open for MS1 and MS2 Fall 2020

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

Days/Time: TBA

Dates: TBA

Location: BCM Main Campus/Virtual Zoom Sessions

Prerequisite: N/A

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

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2021(P); 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/Lectures:

08/12 Welcome (Sarkar/Aggarwal)
08/26 Preventive Medicine (Smoking cessation/obesity counseling)
09/09 Food Insecurity and Fresh Foodies (Galvan)
09/23 Community Medicine & Introduction to
Community Health Workers (LaRue)
10/07 Motivational Interviewing (McLaughlin)
10/21 Patient Centered Medical Home and Primary Care
Clinic Team (Huang)
11/04 Indigent Health Care (F. Khan)
11/18 Outro. 55-word stories and elective feedback

Community Event Dates: TBA

Location: BCM Main Campus/Virtual Zoom Sessions

Prerequisite: N/A

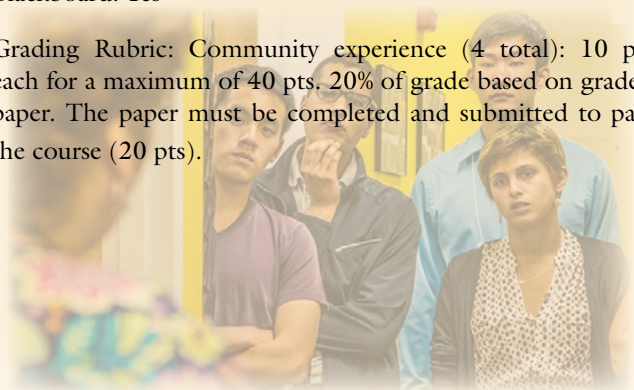
Maximum/Minimum: 10/1

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2021(P); 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

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Co-Director: **Susan Nash, PhD**

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Term: 3/MS1 and 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/Lectures:

- 01/07 The Quest for Certitude in Medicine (Eknayan)
- 01/21 The History of Ethical Considerations in Organ Transplantation (Jensen)
- 02/04 (Greenberg)
- 02/18 The Long Arc of Discovery Regarding the Pathology and Pathogenesis of Atherosclerosis on Coronary Heart Disease (Buja)
- 03/03 From Deuteronomy to DSM-5: A Historical Context and Conceptualization of PTSD (Rohr)
- 03/17 Hippocrates: The Man and His Ongoing Role in Medical History (Hamilton)
- 03/31 Assisted Reproductive Technology and the Law: A Brief History (Lee)
- 04/14 The Greeks, Moral Virtue, and Contemporary Medicine (Saenz)
- 04/28 From Camp Logan to Harris Health Network (Mattox)

Location: BCM Main Campus

Prerequisite: N/A

Maximum/Minimum: 100/1;

International students - NO; Visiting students - YES

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2021(P); 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**

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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/Lectures:

- 08/07 A Conversation on Compassion (Fields-Gilmore)
- 08/21 (Skelton-Dudley)
- 09/11 Matthew Carter Day
- 09/18 (Dr. Sarkar)
- 09/25 Depression and Suicide in Vulnerable Populations (Shah)
- 10/09 The Joy of Practicing Medicine (M Holleman)
- 10/16 Keys to Being Healthy, Happy, Compassionate Physician (W Holleman)
- 10/30 The Boy Who Loved Too Much (Latson-via Fernbach)
- 11/06 (Rivera-Mercado)
- 11/13 (Peacock)

Prerequisite: N/A

Maximum/Minimum: 200/15;

International students - NO; Visiting students - NO

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2021(P); 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: **Laura Nietfeld, MD**

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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/Lectures

- 01/03 Social Determinants of Health for Immigrants and Refugees (Juneja)
- 01/10 Overview of Refugee Screening (Piper)
- 01/17 Legal Issues Related to Immigration (Aggarwal)
- 01/24 Doctors for Change and Advocacy (Averyt)
- 01/31 Perspective and Liaison with Harris Health System and as Vice Chair of Family and Community Medicine (Khan)
- 02/07 Mumps in Detention Facilities (Schulte)
- 02/14 Mental Health Screening for Immigrants, Refugees, and Asylees (Latino)
- 02/21 Overview of YMCA International Services (Bhadra/Bolks)
- 02/28 How to Start Immigrant Health Center Run by Immigrants (McColloster)

Prerequisite: N/A

Maximum/Minimum: 45/5;
International students - NO; Visiting students - NO

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

Blackboard: Yes

Grading Rubric: Paper + attendance at 80% of classes

Faculty Approval: No



Preclinical
THE HEALER'S ART

MEFAM-602

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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: 01/14/2020 01/21/2020 01/28/2020
02/11/2020 02/18/2020 02/25

Location: 1 Baylor Plaza, M310

Prerequisite: N/A

Maximum/Minimum: 40/15;
International students - NO; Visiting students - NO

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

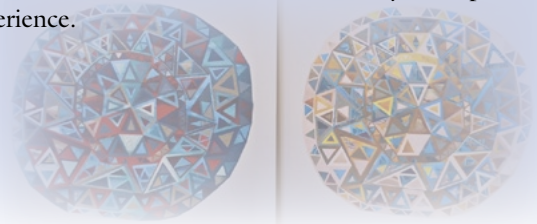
Credits: 1

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 Advanced
**UNDERSERVED CARE
CLINIC**

MEFAM-530

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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: 2021(P); 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

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: 2021(P); 2020(1); 2019(1); 2018(1); 2017(3)

Credits: 4

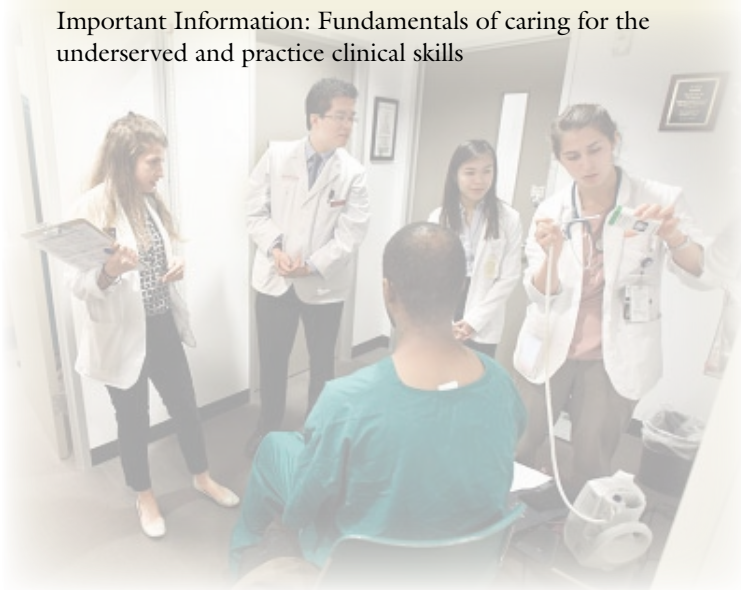
Blackboard: Yes

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

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This elective will not be offered in Spring 2021.

Term: 1A/MS3

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

Dates/Time: Thursdays, 07/09-09/24/2020 - 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Weekends - NO; Night calls - NO

Location: Zoom sessions/BCM Main Campus

Maximum/Minimum: 30/5

International students - NO; Visiting students - NO

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2021(28); 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.

Clinical

PROCEDURES IN PRIMARY CARE

MEFAM-200

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Term: Fall 2020-2 week

Block 2: 07/20-31/2020 Block 8: 10/12-23/2020

Block 4: 08/17-28/2020 Block 10: 11/09-20/2020

Block 6: 09/14-25/2020 Block 12: 12/07-18/2020

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.

Monday, Week 1: Northwest Health Center. AM-Independent study and pre-procedure planning/PM-Procedure Clinic

Monday, Week 2: AM-Gulfgate Health Center/PM-Northwest Health Center

Tuesday, Week 1: Lord of the Streets Homeless Clinic

Tuesday, Week 2: Lord of the Streets Homeless Clinic

Wednesday, Week 1: BTGH Inpatient day. Obstetrics ultrasounds and circumcision

Wednesday, Week 2: Northwest Health Center

Thursday, Week 1: Lord of the Streets Homeless Clinic

Thursday, Week 2: Casa De Amigos Health Center

Friday: Strawberry Health Center. AM-Pre procedure planning/PM-Procedure Clinic

Prerequisite: None

Maximum/Minimum: 0/1; International students - NO; Visiting students - NO

Enrollment of prior sessions: 2021(P); 2020(0)

Credits: 2

Blackboard: Yes

Grading Rubric: Clinical performance; Evaluation by preceptors

Faculty Approval: No

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



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: 2021(1); 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

Elective Director: **Fareed Khan, MBBS**

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This elective will not be offered in Spring 2021.

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: 2021(P); 2020(3); 2019(10);
2018(5); 2017(2)

Credits: 4

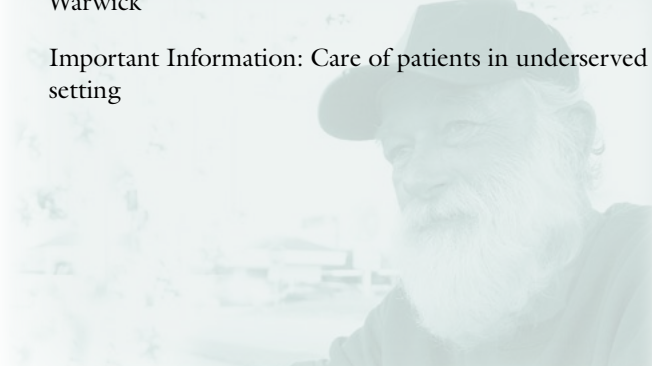
Blackboard: Yes

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

Elective Director: **Laura Nietfeld, MD**

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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: 2021(1); 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

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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: 2021(P); 2020(4); 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

