Medical Humanities



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Enriching lives, opening minds.

blended intensive program for under/post graduate students hosted by the University of Ioannina on 24-28 June 2024





Coordinating / Receiving HEI:

University of Ioannina (Greece)

Sending HEIs:

University of Clermont-Auvergne (France)

Ovidius University of Constanta (Romania)

Co-hosting institutions:

Ephorate of Antiquities of Preveza

Hellenic Federation for Cancer

Society for the Promotion of Mental Health in Epirus

Content:

Healthcare education's primary goal is to prepare competent medical professionals. To achieve this, it is crucial to combine theoretical knowledge, technical skills, and core medical values and behaviors, in a balanced and unified way. While healthcare education today focuses mainly on the acquisition of the ever-increasing theoretical knowledge and technical skills, it is essential to prioritize encouragement and personal reflection to avoid the risk of adopting a dogmatic stance in the delivery of healthcare services. Humanities and Medicine share in common the focus on "humans". Medical humanities, in particular, induce the development of observational and analytical reasoning skills, provide insight into human conditions, illness and pain, self-perception, responsibilities to self and others, as well as proper professionalism. The current programme focuses on health, disease/illness, death perceptions and healthcare services during different eras and among different communities integrating relevant medical and sociocultural factors.

Method:

During the on-campus lectures, several researchers from different collaborating institutions outline critical perspectives on issues of health and disease/illness across different communities and countries and discuss rituals of death, combining complex and/or unusual approaches. The online courses serve as an introduction, presenting the implemented methodology, and suggesting pertinent bibliography (or further readings). The integration of medical, historical, ethical and social viewpoints aims to encourage interdisciplinary thinking. The concluding online courses focus on synthesizing and evaluating the whole project. The sessions will be built on each other, starting with foundational knowledge and advancing to complex discussions and workshops. The in-situ workshops are led by the instructors and are expected to have an interactive character. During the visit to a historical site, a lecture and/or workshop will be led by an instructor, followed by a discussion or exchange of experiences on behalf of the participants relevant to the issued addressed. Considering that medical curricula do not typically engage with such issues, students will be expected to describe the challenges they encountered while preparing their presentations/debates, to review and discuss related literature; to examine primary and secondary evidence, present their findings, and formulate interpretations and reflections. An expert,

acting as a "respondent", provides comments and interacts with the students throughout the process.

Eclass: https://eclass.uoi.gr/courses/BIP103/

An electronic platform (e-class) for asynchronous and synchronous tele-education will facilitate access of all participants to announcements, documentation and links, uploading of assignments, grading, evaluations, teleconferencing, etc. This is the online component of the BIPs which will be available before, during and after the physical mobility.

Registration is carried out collectively, by the administrators, according to the tables drawn up by each participating university. Credentials are assigned, which can then be modified by users as they wish.

Facilities:

Students have the option to stay at the University Residence for 20 euros per night, in double rooms with en suite bathroom facilities. Additionally, students can enjoy complimentary meals at the University Student Restaurant, offered by the University of Ioannina. Three-course meals are also available, for all participants, at the "Figos" University Restaurant for less than 10 euros per meal (lunch only available).

Moreover, local transportation for the off-campus workshops is offered by the University of Ioannina, while access to all historical sites is at no charge, courtesy of the Ephorates of Antiquities and the Museums.

Online courses (Notification in Eastern European Time)

DATE/TIME	THEME	LECTURER	HEI
Wednesday 5/6 18.00-20.00	Introduction to Medical Humanities - Methodology - Topics	A. Batistatou - M. Syrrou - M. Zoubouli - Th. Tseligka	UOI
Thursday 6/6 18.00-20.00	Ethical issues in medicine: Historical and Contemporary Challenges	G. Boutlas	NKUA-OUC
Friday 7/6 18.00-20.00	Medical care in Greece and in Epirus during the Ottoman Empire	K. Laios	NKUA
Wednesday 3/7 18.00-20.00	Review of Lectures	ТВС	UOC
Thursday 4/7 18.00-20.00	Review of Workshops	TBC	UCA
Friday 5/7 18.00-20.00	Evaluation total	M. Syrrou - M. Zoubouli - Th. Tseligka - D. Siamopoulou	UOI

On campus courses

Date/time	Theme	Lecturer	HEI
MONDAY 24/6 9.00-10.00	Welcoming	A. Batistatou	UOI
MONDAY 24/6 10.00-12.00	Introduction Methodology and Bibliography: How to prepare the presentations of the workshops - Distribution of tasks	M. Zoubouli, M. Syrrou, Th. Tseligka	UOI
MONDAY 24/6 12.00-13.00	Guided visit to the University of Ioannina's Library	A. Papaioannou	UOI
MONDAY 24/6 15.00-16.00	Is the general public right to consider traditional therapies to be safer than pharmacologically developed drugs?	M. Bégou	UCA
MONDAY 24/6 16.00-17.00	Phytotherapy in uro-genital chronic diseases	L. Tuta	UOC
MONDAY 24/6 17.00-18.00	History of therapeutic approaches in psychiatry	P. Petrikis	UOI
TUESDAY 25/6 15.00-16.00	Introduction to the practice of Medicine in Epirus	I. Panagiotidou, M. Syrrou	UOI
TUESDAY 25/6 16.00-17.00	Impact of the societal representation of health and by consequences illness on the drugs consumption	M. Bégou	UCA
TUESDAY 25/6 17.00-18.00	Hellenic Cancer Federation	M. Tzima, G. Kapetanakis	UOI, ELOK
WEDNESDAY 26/6 15.00-16.00	Ethical issues in clinical psychiatry: coercive measures	V. Peritogiannis	RE
WEDNESDAY 26/6 16.00-17.00	Gene therapy: at long last a therapeutic reality with ethical and societal issues to be regulated	C. Barrière	UCA
WEDNESDAY 26/6 17.00-18.00	Cultural and national particular aspects in Psychotherapy	F. Avram	UOC
THURSDAY 27/6 15.00-16.00	The sound of death: lament song in Epirus	Th. Vollas, G. Kokkonis	UOI
THURSDAY 27/6 16.00-17.00	Euthanasia and assisted suicide - ethical and medico-legal specific Romanian aspects in a multidisciplinary approach	М. Рора	UOC
THURSDAY 27/6 17.00-18.00	An anthropological and psychological assessment of rituals and traditions that guide the soul to the afterlife The therapeutic value of religious ceremonies in relieving the grief of surviving	L. Giurgiu	UOC

Workshops (combined with sightseeing visits)

DATE/TIME	SITE	RESPONDENT	HEI
Tuesday 25/6 9.00-13.00		M. Papachristophorou – Ph. Moudopoulos-Athanasiou	UOI
Wednesday 26/6 9.00-13.00	Community Health and Diversity Ioannina old hospitals, Fortified old town, Silversmithing museum, Synagogue	M. Syrrou - Th. Tseligka – G. Smyris	UOI
Thursday 27/6 9.00-13.00	Ethical and Psychological Perspectives in Medicine Museum of Medicine - UOI	K. Tromboukis	UOI
Friday 28/6 9.00-17.00	Cultural and Historical Explorations Following the path of souls - Visit to Aherontas' Oracle	A. Konstantaki	EAP

Certificate

Attendance of the BIP will be certified upon successful participation in all stages of courses and workshops and will be awarded with 3 ECTS

Credits

Background image:

Benaki Museum, Athens Fragment of an inscribed marble tomb relief with a bust of a female figure. It probably comes from Thessaly, a representative example of popular art of late 3rd - early 4th c. AD