

# LeTourneau University

BIOL 3921-01

Introduction to Clinical Issues

## Course Syllabus

**Objective:** To expose students considering a career in the medicine, or health-related professions, to issues and realities of these professions. To prepare students for observational experience in clinical settings. To encourage students to consider their own compatibility with these professions and make personal application of this knowledge. Discovering Purpose and Broadening Knowledge will be the focus of this course

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**Office Hours:** M W 9:20 to 10:15 a.m., R 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., **OR by appointment.**

**Attendance:** Your presence and engagement in this course will reflect on your recommendations for professional school. Tardiness or absence will reduce your grade as follows:  
Tardiness is defined as being more than 2 minutes late to class; class begins at 8:15 a.m.  
Five tardies equals one unexcused absence.  
Your final letter grade will be reduced by one letter grade for each unexcused absence.  
You are expected to communicate your reason for tardiness or absence to the instructor immediately after class, in person.

Excused absences are for officially LeTourneau University sanctioned functions or for death of a family member or an illness documented by a health professional.

**Grading:** Your grade will be based on the mid-term exam, final exam, attendance, and your portfolio. The exams will focus on your understanding of the issues and terms discussed in the class as well as any reading materials and critical thinking questions provided by the participating physicians.

**Portfolio:** Your portfolio is a compilation of information you will need to send to any graduate educational programs. It will consist the following items: 1) requirements for the professional school(s) you may consider entering in your state of residence or other states; 2) a resume that includes your current and permanent contact information, education, honors and distinctions, a list of previous and current employment, a list of your extracurricular activities, and references; 3) student-copy of your official transcripts, and 4) a personal statement (700 words max) of why you believe the target vocation fits you as a person and as a professional. This folder will be collected on April 27, 2006 at the beginning of class.

Mid-Term Exam = 25% February 20, 2007  
Final Exam = 25% April 30, 2007, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.  
Attendance = 25%  
Portfolio = 25%

A = 91-100%; B = 81-90%; C = 71-80%; D = 60-70%; F = below 60%

Diagnosed and documented disabilities. Students enrolled in an institution of higher education are required to self-identify if they would like to request academic support services on the basis of a disability. LeTourneau University encourages a student with a disability to self-identify after admission and to provide required documentation to the Dean of Student Services. Through self-identification and the utilization of appropriate academic services, it is assumed that academic progress must be made. Students needing facility adjustments must notify the Dean of Student Services at 903.233.4460.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
Jan 9	Intro to the course and requirements	Amiel Jarstfer, Ph.D
Jan 16	Medicine as Ministry and Mission	Mark Wallis, M.D.
Jan 23		
Jan 30	Becoming and Practicing: Veterinary Medicine	William Howard, DVM
Feb 6	Becoming and Practicing: Physical Therapist	Leslie Shepherd, P.T.
Feb 13	The Physician-Patient Relationship	Lynn Brazell, M.D.
<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Mid-Term Exam</b>	<b>Amiel Jarstfer, Ph.D</b>
Feb 27	Medicine as Business	Perry Lewis, M.D.
Mar 6	Internship – the first year of Residency	Jason Nelson, M.D.
<b>Mar 13</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>	
Mar 20	The Physician and Family; Clinical Exposure	Brian King, M.D.
Mar 27	Preparation and Applying to Professional Schools: Medicine	Molly Moran
Apr 3	Becoming and Practicing: Nursing	Shela Dawson, R.N.
Apr 10	Becoming and Practicing: Dentistry	Joey deGraffenried, D.D.S.
Apr 17	Becoming and Practicing: Optometry	Jeff Jones, O.D.
Apr 24	Becoming and Practicing: Physician Assistant	Michael Sims, P.A.
<b>Apr 30</b>	<b>Final Exam 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Amiel Jarstfer, Ph.D</b>