Medical Humanities

IU School of Liberal Arts

ABOUT THE MAJOR

The Medical Humanities and Health Studies Program prepares you to understand the broader role and determinants of health and medicine in today’s world. Humanities courses raise questions of how human beings deal with health, medical intervention, illness, and death. You will gain insight into the social, economic, and cultural contexts of health, illness, and health care. This degree prepares students for a wide array of career paths.

Skills and abilities this major develops include: effective communication, healthcare knowledge, public speaking, research, and problem-solving (IU School of Liberal Arts, 2017).

OPPORTUNITIES AFTER GRADUATION

Career Opportunities
A degree in Medical Humanities can be applied to a variety of fields, making employment outlook difficult to track but with numerous possibilities. According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook (2017), healthcare occupations as a whole are projected to grow at 19% through 2024. Employment outlook through 2024 for community health workers has a projection of 13% growth, 10% for Social and Community Service Managers, and 13% for Health Educators through 2024.

Salary Information
The average starting salary for IU School of Liberal Arts graduates from IUPUI was $33,495 for the May 2016 graduating cohort. The median starting salary for liberal arts graduates was $50,500 for the class of May 2016 according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE, 2017).

(This section is intended for informational purposes, not prediction of actual salary.)

Graduate & Professional School Paths
Medical Humanities majors often pursue advanced degrees in the following areas: Dentistry, Medicine, Pharmacy, Public Health, Health Administration, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Social Work, Nursing, Law, and Physician Assistant Studies among others.

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

IU School of Liberal Arts
Medical Studies & Health Studies
Cavanaugh Hall 141
liberalarts.iupui.edu/mhhs

Bureau of Health Professions
bhpr.hrsa.gov

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities
http://asbh.org

Sample Coursework:
- Perspectives on health, disease and healing
- Health economics
- Applied healthcare ethics
- Sociology of death and dying
- Health communication
- History of medicine and public health
- Anthropology of aging

Possible Careers:
- Medical scribe
- Medical sales
- Nurse*
- Physician assistant*
- Public health educator
- Rehabilitation counselor*
- Wellness program director

* = Career option requires additional training or education.

Where Could I Work?
- Community Health Network
- Eskenazi Health
- Indiana University Health
- Nonprofit organizations
- Nursing and residential care facilities
- Offices of physicians

Complementing Interests:

I Investigative
S Social
C Conventional

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