

# BIOCHEMISTRY 98-I

## Course Description and Enrollment Procedures

### What it is

The course is a one unit seminar of academic credit (graded S/NC) for the academic component to accompany your 30 hr (minimum) clinical/humanitarian volunteer/internship experience.

### Purpose

1. To broaden your exposure to discussions of health care issues nationally and world-wide
2. To strengthen connections between your clinical/volunteer experience and your academic endeavors
3. To critical analyze the link between your current internship experience with your proposed future career

### When to take it

Early in your clinical/volunteer experience, but *not* before you start your clinical/volunteer work

1. For current freshmen, sometime during your sophomore year, but before your senior year.
2. For others, it must be done before you begin your senior year.

### How do I find a volunteer/internship opportunity?

The Biochemistry Department does not keep a list of sponsoring organizations. If you don't know how to get started in finding a volunteer opportunity, consult the UCR Health Professions Advising Center ([http://hpac.ucr.edu/student\\_involvement.html](http://hpac.ucr.edu/student_involvement.html)) and/or the UCR Career Center (<http://careers.ucr.edu/>).

### How do I enroll?

To be enrolled in BCH 98-I, complete the BCH 98-I Enrollment Request Form found here: <http://cnasstudent.ucr.edu/majors/biochem.html> and submit it to your Biochemistry Academic Advisor via email or during normal advising hours which can be viewed at [myadvising.ucr.edu](http://myadvising.ucr.edu). Once approved, your enrollment will be processed.

Please remember, you **must** complete the 30 hours of clinical/volunteer work by the end of the quarter you are registered for BCH 98-I. Once Professor Dingwall has approved your enrollment request, Tricia Smith, the enrollment manager, will enroll you into BCH 98-I and will contact you via email. A copy of the email will also be sent to Dr. Dingwall and Richard Rangel. Be sure you check your enrollment via "Rweb" to make sure you are enrolled once you receive the email.

### What happens during the course?

1. You will be informed by email of an organizational meeting to be held by the 2nd week of the quarter. At this meeting the nature of the academic component (term paper) will be described. During the quarter you may meet with the instructor if you wish, but it is not required.
2. By the end of the course, you **must** have completed the minimum 30 hours of clinical/volunteer work.
3. A written essay (4-5 pages, as described at the organizational meeting) and the BCH 98-I Internship Completion Form found here: documenting the completion of your clinical/volunteer work and **signed by your internship supervisor**, must be turned in to Professor Dingwall by the date specified in the syllabus.