BIOCHEMISTRY 98I
Course Description and Enrollment Procedures
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What it is

It is a one unit seminar of academic credit (S/NC) for the academic component to accompany your 30-40 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

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) and/or the UCR Career Center.

How do I enroll?

To be enrolled for BCH 98I, email the following information regarding your volunteer work to Dr. Perry at jeff.perry@ucr.edu.

1. Student Name and ID
2. Your quarter of enrollment (fall, winter, spring) and year. (e.g., fall 2015)
3. Name and address/location of sponsoring organization (e.g., Kaiser Hospital, Riverside)
4. Volunteer/Internship supervisor’s name and contact number
5. Describe the objective and nature of the internship activities. The description should be fairly specific about what you will be doing or have already done.

Please remember, you must complete the 30-40 hours of clinical/volunteer work by the end of the quarter you are registered for BCH 98I. Once Dr. Perry has reviewed your information and is satisfied, they will email Tricia Smith, the BCH enrollment coordinator, all of the pertinent information. Tricia will enroll you into BCH 098I and will send a copy of the email to Dr. Perry. Be sure you check your enrollment via Growl 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 at the end of 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 30-40 hours of clinical/volunteer work.
3. A written essay (4-5 pages, as described at the organizational meeting) and the “student statement” (“Internship Statement”) form from the CNAS advising, Biochemistry major website, documenting your clinical/volunteer work and signed by your internship supervisor, must be turned in to Dr. Perry by 3:00 p.m. on the last day of class in the quarter you are registered for BCH 98I.