



SERVICE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH *CERTIFICATE OF DISTINCTION*

The Certificate of Distinction in Service and Community Health is an optional four-year curriculum for enrolled medical students which is intended to increase familiarity with underserved patient populations in the urban setting and to enhance student involvement within the Phoenix community.

This program incorporates mentorship, community service, didactics, reflection, and scholarly work to strengthen students' leadership skills and to develop community-responsive physicians. The curriculum includes an emphasis on understanding social determinants of health, health equity, and care of underserved populations.

Seminars are led by thought leaders with national and international perspectives and supported by a repository of evidence-based resources. Service hours are delivered through the Community Health Initiative - Phoenix (CHIP), a student developed and directed program, which places students with community mentors servicing primarily medically uninsured and underserved populations. A regular journal club involves students presenting interventions aimed at addressing social determinants of health and underserved populations and their outcomes. Students complete a scholarly project or longitudinal project that advances the state of knowledge in community health and complete a 4th year community health elective of their choosing.

Students completing the Certificate of Distinction in Service and Community Health will graduate with a strong appreciation of health equity and social justice as well as a firm grasp of health systems and policy issues. They will possess advocacy skills to be change leaders in the communities in which they practice medicine. Focus will be placed on critical appraisal skills and evidence-based clinical, system-based, and policy interventions that meaningfully impact community health outcomes.

Seminar Attendance		13 sessions	✓
Journal Club Presentations		Present 2 articles	✓
Service Hours		180 hours	✓
Community Health Elective		4 weeks in 4th year	✓
One of:	Scholarly Project	Longitudinal Project	✓

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