



MEDICAL HUMANITIES & GENERAL PRACTICE LITERACY

Enhancing Clinical Reasoning and
Communication Skills



DESCRIPTION:

This course equips medical students and healthcare professionals with essential medical humanities knowledge, a general practice mindset, and practical communication skills. Through case studies, simulations, and interdisciplinary learning, participants develop ethical awareness, patient-centred thinking, and confident clinical communication for real-world healthcare challenges.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- ✓ Develop humanistic care through core medical humanities concepts
- ✓ Apply medical ethics in clinical decision-making
- ✓ Enhance doctor-patient communication for better trust and service quality
- ✓ Understand the principles and role of general practice in healthcare
- ✓ Cultivate interdisciplinary clinical thinking
- ✓ Strengthen clinical reasoning and resilience with cases and practices



TEACHING METHODOLOGIES:

- ✓ Case Analysis
- ✓ Scenario Simulation
- ✓ Group Discussion
- ✓ Interdisciplinary Reading
- ✓ Practical Exercises

TARGET PARTICIPANTS:

- **Medical students:** Build medical humanities literacy and a general practice mindset
- **Resident physicians:** Enhance doctor-patient communication and clinical decision-making skills
- **General practitioners:** Gain insights into international general practice and improve comprehensive care
- **Nursing staff:** Strengthen patient communication and psychological support skills
- **Pharmacists & Healthcare administrators:** Understand healthcare system operations and promote humanistic care





COURSE CONTENT*:

Ref	Modules (2hrs each)	Description
1	Introduction to Medical Humanities: Medicine is Not Only a Science, But Also a Humanity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Definition and evolution of medical humanities• Integration of medical science and humanities: Case analysis• Health, disease, and culture: Different social understandings of health• Limitations of modern medicine and the importance of humanistic care
2	Medical Ethics and Clinical Decision-Making: Ethical Challenges and Value Judgments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four principles of medical ethics (autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, justice)• Case analysis of ethical dilemmas (e.g., organ transplantation, resource allocation)• Legal and moral requirements of informed consent• Simulated exercises in clinical ethical decision-making
3	Doctor-Patient Communication and Empathy Training: Building Trust and Enhancing Patient Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doctor-patient communication models (SPIKES model)• Effective delivery of condition information and bad news• Empathy training: Listening and responding skills• Cross-cultural communication: Building rapport with patients from diverse backgrounds• Strategies for managing difficult patients
4	Foundations and Global Perspectives of General Practice: Core Competencies of General Practitioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Core concepts and values of general practice• Comparison of global general practice systems (UK's NHS, Australia's GP system, China's primary care)• The role of general practitioners: From diagnosis and treatment to health promotion• Implementation of patient-centered medical models
5	Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Medicine: Literature, Philosophy, History, and Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Narrative Medicine and patient stories• Literature and medicine: How can doctors learn to listen from literature? (Reading and discussion: "A Doctor's Story," "Illness as Metaphor")• History of medicine: From Hippocrates to modern medicine• Philosophical reflections on medical ethics (e.g., utilitarianism vs. deontological ethics)



COURSE CONTENT (CON'D)*:

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6	Psychological Resilience of Medical Professionals: How to Cope with Stress and Occupational Burnout?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychological stress and occupational burnout among healthcare professionals• Strategies for emotional regulation in high-pressure environments• Psychological support systems within the healthcare industry• Mindfulness training and emotional regulation techniques
7	Clinical Practice of General Practice: Primary Diagnosis and Comprehensive Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diagnostic thinking of general practitioners vs. specialists• Chronic disease management: How to support patient self-management?• Implementation of comprehensive assessment and personalised treatment• Clinical case analysis and reasoning training
8	Medical Care for Special Populations: Providing Individualised Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geriatric medicine and palliative care• Medical needs of special populations• Social determinants of health• Management of mental health and psychological disorders
9	General Practice Clerkship: Experiencing Primary Care Firsthand	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Observing the daily work of general practitioners in primary care settings• Practical training in doctor-patient communication (on-site case analysis)• Integrating humanistic care into clinical diagnosis and treatment• Mentorship and group reflection discussions
10	Summary and Practical Application: Case Studies and Career Development Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and integration of course content• Writing and presentation of real-world case reports• Application of medical humanities in professional careers• Personal development planning and future learning pathways

**Course content can be customised and tailored to meet the specific needs, context, and objectives of the client.*