TSCI 6106
Practicum in Cancer Prevention Science

Spring 2023

CLASS DAYS and TIME: Determined by each *individualized plan of student activities* as approved by Dr Pratap Kumar.

CLASSROOM: Based on the location of each *individualized plan of student activities* as approved by Dr. Kumar.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This course allows for practical experience in the area of cancer prevention science. It is designed to be a one-on-one experience in which the student experiences the practice of cancer prevention science. Examples include following a dermatologist in screening patients for skin cancer, working on datasets derived from cancer prevention trials, participating in cancer prevention trials, spending time with a preceptor at the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District or a state health agency as examples.

By the end of this course, each student should be able to understand the practicalities of cancer prevention in any of the following:

- Clinical practice
- Clinical trials
- Laboratory research
- Public Health initiatives
- Opportunities for publication of findings in consultation with Dr. Kumar

Pre-requisites – None

Semester credit hours – .5 – 1.0 SCH

COURSE ORGANIZATION

The main teaching modalities used in this course include:

- Meeting personally with Dr. Pratap Kumar for the purpose of planning and monitoring of planned activities
- One on one practicum with cancer prevention-themed preceptor
- Completing practicum activities
- Completing practicum forms and submitting the Student Planned Activity Form within the first week of

the course start date. Thereafter, completion and submission of the Monthly Student Activities form within the first week of each month throughout the semester.

Activities and Expectations for completion of the 24 – 48 contact hours as approved by Dr. Michael Wargovich:

- The practicum activities will be approved on an individual basis in consultation with Dr. Pratap Kumar prior to the beginning of the term. Thereafter, the student will prepare a completed monthly activity form and submit it to Dr. Kumar within the first week of the preceding month. Depending on the number of semester credit hours (.5-1 SCH) planned, 24 – 48 contact hours of approved CCP practicum training activities are required to fulfill the requirement for course.

Materials

Based on the requirements of the individual student's planned activities as approved by Dr. Kumar.

Computer Access

Students are required to have a laptop computer that can connect to and operate over a wireless network.

Software required:

- Microsoft Office Suite (A personal copy of the latest version can be purchased at The UTHSCSA bookstore at student pricing with a student ID)

Laptops with an Apple based Operating System must be able to also operate using a Windows based Operating System. It may be necessary to purchase Windows (student pricing available at The UTHSCSA bookstore with a student ID) and virtualization software.

All laptops will connect to The UTHSCSA network via the HSCwave broadcast wireless connection. Authentication for wireless use is based on The UTHSCSA domain username and password.

Verification of proper operation **prior** to the start of class is highly recommended.

Assistance is available thru the IMS Service Desk

- Telephone: 567-7777
- E-mail (ims-servicedesk@uthscsa.edu)

Assistance is also available at the IMS Student Support Center (ALTC 106).

Reading Assignments

Based on the each *individualized plan of student activities* as approved by Dr. Kumar.

ATTENDANCE

The student must complete 24 – 48 contact hours of their practicum planned activities and provide a monthly report of activities for approval by Dr. Kumar.

Absence for Religious Observance:

Students requesting an excused absence for religious holidays should follow the guidelines outlined in the UT Health Science Center Catalog.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks are not required; unless required for the student's individual planned activities.

GRADING POLICIES AND EXAMINATION PROCEDURES

Grading System

Completion of 24 – 48 contact hours of the student's planned activities as approved by Dr. Kumar along with submission of the monthly Student Activities form.

The method of examination for this course will be discussed between the preceptor and course director.

The grading system will be either Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U).

REQUESTS FOR ACCOMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES

In accordance with policy 4.2.3, **Request for Accommodation Under the ADA and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA)**, any student requesting accommodation must submit the appropriate request for accommodation under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA, form 100). to his/her appropriate Associate Dean of their School and a copy to the ADA Coordinator. Additional information may be obtained at http://uthscsa.edu/eeo/request.asp.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND PROFESSIONALISM

Any student who commits an act of academic dishonesty is subject to discipline as prescribed by the UT System Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an exam for another person, signing attendance sheets for another student, and any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such an act. Additional information may be obtained at http://catalog.uthscsa.edu/generalinformation/generalacademicpolicies/academicdishonestypolicy/

TITLE IX AT UTHSCSA

Title IX Defined:

Title of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in education. It reads "no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio's Commitment:

University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio (UTHSCSA) is committed to maintaining a learning environment that is free from discriminatory conduct based on gender. As required by Title IX, UTHSCSA does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its education programs and activities, and it encourages any student, faculty, or staff member who thinks that he or she has been subjected to sex discrimination, sexual harassment (including sexual violence) or sexual misconduct to immediately report the incident to the Title IX Director.

In an emergency, victims of sexual abuse should call 911. For non-emergencies, they may contact UPD at 210-567-2800. Additional information may be obtained at http://students.uthscsa.edu/titleix/

EMAIL POLICY

All correspondence with the student will be achieved only through their student "LiveMail" e-mail address, CANVAS, and the course director UTHSCSA e-mail address as listed above.

USE OF RECORDING DEVICES

Recording of any activities in this course by any means, *e.g.*, video, audio, etc., is not permitted unless approved by the instructor or required for compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell phones must be turned off during all class meetings and exams. Computers and electronic tablets are allowed only for participating in classroom activities (*e.g.*, viewing slides presented in lecture or conference materials). No texting, tweeting, emailing, web-surfing, gaming, or any use of electronic devices that is not directly connected with classroom activities is permitted.