

OE914 – 2009. Adoption & Foster Care: Considerations for Medical Practice Finalized Course Syllabus

1. Course Schedule:

In 2009 OE914: will be held on Wednesday evenings from 5:15 -7:30 PM between March 11th, and April 29th 2009. (There will be no class on March 18th, during Spring Break) A 10-15 minute bio break at approximately 6:30 PM will be offered to students if necessary. (Information below subject to revision re: room availability etc.)

Week 1: 3/11/2009 - Room TBD. Martha Henry, Ph.D.; Michael McManus, MSW; & Cassandra Perry, M.S.
Introduction: Adoption & foster care basics & Adoption as an option

Week 2: 3/25/2009 - Room S1-123. Dr. Aaron Lazare: Personal perspective of the adoptive father of 8 children

Week 3: 4/01/2009 - Room S6-310. Dr. Richard Moriarty: Health issues in intercountry adoption

Week 4: 4/08/2009 - Room S1-123. Dr. Heidi Shah: Patients in perspective

Week 5: 4/15/2009 - Room S1-123. Michael McManus & Dr. Rebecca Moles: Identifying Child Abuse and Neglect and Complex Trauma and Mental Health Issues

Week 6: 4/22/2009 - Room S1-123. Dr. Heather Forkey: Health care of children in foster care

Week 7: 4/29/2009 - Room S1-123. Final week is a Q & A with a panel of individuals for whom adoption and/or foster care are part of their own lives.

2. Course goals and objectives:

1. To help students develop the clinical skills they will need when caring for members of adoption and foster care triads
2. To introduce awareness of biological, psychological, and social issues related to adoption and foster care
3. To provide medical students an opportunity to consider their own attitudes about adoption and foster care
4. To introduce medical students to the range of community resources available for patient education and referral

Each 2+ hour session includes a didactic presentation and an experiential component

- o A weekly 1-2 page reflection paper summarizing the course's impact on the student's clinical learning experience. A model paper is provided.
- o A 6-8 page final paper (TNR 12, double spaced) detailing the impact of the course on your attitude regarding adoption and foster care, and how you expect the course will impact your professional practice.

Attend at least 6 of the 7 sessions

3. Name of the department sponsoring the course: Office of Foster Care and Adoption Education and Policy (Formerly the Center for Adoption Research)

4. Faculty Advisor(s) and Student Coordinators (if different than those listed above):

From OFCAE: Martha Henry, Michael McManus, Rose Reith.

Student coordinators: Deepak Ozhathil, Megan deMariano, and Tara Loiseau Richardson.

5. Number of contact hours and weeks in the elective: 7 weeks at approx 2.15 hours per week = 15.75 contact hours (does not count the time allocated for the bio-break)

6. OE914 will have a course component offered within the learning management system (WebCT).

7. Due to budgetary constraints we will not be able to provide refreshments this year. However, food and beverages are allowed in the rooms we are scheduled to use, and we invite students to bring a snack or supertime meal along with them to class.