

**CERTIFICATE IN
MEDICAL HUMANITIES**

**EXPLORE THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN SOCIETIES,
CULTURES, AND HEALTH**



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MEDICAL HUMANITIES

The **CERTIFICATE IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES** is designed for students who wish to learn more about the ways in which global human societies have engaged with health, medicine, ability, disability, illness, wellness, and the body in the past and present. It also invites students to explore the means by which human societies might deepen their comprehension of these crucial concepts in the future.

This certificate will be of interest to students who are considering entering Medicine or the Health Professions and who wish to expand their knowledge of medicine's interactions with human societies and forms of cultural expression. It will also be of interest to students in the Arts, Social Sciences, and Sciences at Dalhousie and King's who wish to engage more thoughtfully and critically with the constructions of health and illness that shape our everyday lives, as well as with the health-related challenges that face contemporary civil society.

STUDENTS WILL COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSE:

History of Modern Medicine
(HSTC 2102.03)

+ ONE OF THE FOLLOWING MEDICINE AND SOCIAL SCIENCES COURSES:

INTD 3115.03: Global Health: Challenges of Global Health Equity in the 21st Century

SOSA 2502.03: Biomedicine and the Illness Experience

SOSA 2503.03: Health and Society

SOSA 2933.03: Health and Culture

SOSA 3143.03: Health, Illness, and the World System

SOSA 3145.03: Gender and Health

POLI 4260.03: The Politics of Health Care

POLI 4466.03: The Social and Political Construction of Health and Medicine

QUESTIONS?

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+ ONE OF THE FOLLOWING MEDICINE AND THE HUMANITIES COURSES:

ENGL 2030.03: Literature, Health and Healing

ENGL 3320.03: Literature and Medicine

HSTC 2202.03: The Beginnings of Western Medicine – The Birth of the Body

PHIL 2805.03: Ethics and Health Care – Patient Care

PHIL 2810.03: Ethics and Health Care – Social Policy

+ ONE ELECTIVE COURSE CHOSEN FROM A RICH LIST OF OPTIONS:

See dal.ca/fass/cmh for the complete list of electives

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Students will recognize and apply multiple definitions of key medical and health-related concepts, understanding their relationship to wider social, cultural, and historical contexts.
- Students will situate the theory and practice of modern medicine within diverse historical contexts.
- Students will understand conceptions of health that have shaped non-Western as well as Western societies.
- Students will formulate conceptions of contemporary medical and health-related practices grounded in a critical understanding of key social and/or political factors that have shaped the construction and experience of medicine and health in past and present cultures.
- Students will approach the experiences and roles of patients, caregivers, and health professionals in a more informed and respectful manner thanks to a deepened knowledge of the ways these roles have been considered and represented in philosophical, literary, and/or artistic works across time.
- Students will ask vital questions about the ethical and social implications of health policy, practice, and decision-making.
- Students will express their critical thinking about these concepts orally, in writing, and through visual forms of communication in order to engage effectively not only with academic audiences but also with the wider public (eg, patients, political and governmental bodies, online audiences, etc) about questions of medicine, illness, health, and wellness.