



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

School of Medicine

**Vision of the Educational Program:**  
*Graduates of the TTUHSC-SOM will be knowledgeable, competent, and compassionate health professionals who work diligently to improve the health of the public.*

**Course Number:**

Year 1: MIDS 5424

Year 2: MIDS 6424

**Course Name:**

The Free Clinic Elective 2024-2025

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**Course Description:**

This course will allow students to gain appreciation, extensive knowledge, and necessary skills to treat underserved populations. Through various workshops, lectures, and Wednesday nights at The Free Clinic, students will learn about:

- The Free Clinic Operations – paperwork, time in room, patient flow, etc.
- LGBTQ Health
- Practicing phlebotomy
- Role of social work in medicine
- Nursing operations
- Point of care testing – urinalysis, monofilament testing, etc.

**Course Prerequisite:**

No required prerequisites.

**Semester Offered:**

One longitudinal course through both the fall and spring semesters.

**Max Enrollment:**

18 MSI/II students.

**Course Objectives and Expected Learning Outcomes:**

At the end of this course, the student will be able to:

- Understand the operations of The Free Clinic with emphasis on the medical student role.
- Understand the social determinants of health and how they apply to The Free Clinic.
- Perform phlebotomy and point of care testing.
- Assist in treating acute and chronic care management.
- Understand the operations of nursing within the Free Clinic
- Assist in mental health screening, including LGBTQ specific risks.

**Course Format and Material:**

A total of three (3) lectures and two (2) skills labs will be available. Lectures will be held on campus; skills labs will be held at the Free Clinic.

Students will be given the opportunity to shadow with nursing at the Free Clinic. Opportunities to shadow will be held on Wednesday nights from 6-8:30pm at the Free Clinic throughout the year (a sign-up sheet will be provided).

Weekly opportunities to volunteer at The Free Clinic will be available throughout both semesters. When volunteering on Wednesday nights, students are expected to bring a stethoscope, red name badge, notebook of choice (or iPad), and pen/pencil.

Students will complete an end-of-course group project.

**Attendance:**

Attendance is required at a minimum of 4 out of 5 of the lectures/skills labs (with the 1<sup>st</sup> lecture being required), 1 night of shadowing with nursing, and 2 total Wednesday nights of volunteer service at The Free Clinic at Lubbock Impact.

**Grading:**

The course will be graded pass/fail with attendance at lectures, completion of shadowing, documented community service hours at The Free Clinic, and end-of-course group project used to determine students' participation.

<b>Completion Requirements:</b>
Must complete a minimum of 4/5 of the offered lectures/skills labs (i.e., allowed one absence). The first lecture is REQUIRED.
Must volunteer at The Free Clinic a minimum of 2 times during the course of this elective.
Must shadow with nursing at the Free Clinic 1 time during the course of this elective.
Must complete the end-of-course group project.

**Schedule:**

Date	Time	Topic	Faculty	Room
9/17	12-1pm	(L) Intro: How the Free Clinic Runs <i>*mandatory*</i>	Dr. Fiona Prabhu	ACB 250
10/15	6-7pm	(SL) Phlebotomy	Dr. Fiona Prabhu (With Theresa Ward-Cockhill)	@ The Free Clinic
11/15	12-1pm	(L) Social Work	Dr. Fiona Prabhu (With Dr. Margaret Elbow and Dr. Debra Lavender-Bratcher)	ACB 250
11/27	4-5pm	(SL) Point of Care Testing	Dr. Fiona Prabhu (With Melissa P.)	@ The Free Clinic
January TBD	TBD	(L) LGBTQ Health	Dr. Kelly Bennett	TBD
9/18-2/26	6-8:30pm	Shadowing with Nursing	Dr. Fiona Prabhu	@ The Free Clinic

(L): Lecture

(SL): Skills Lab

**Professional Behavior will be assessed based on engagement in class activities, including attendance and peer review.**

**Academic Integrity:** All students are expected to subscribe to an honor system which is implicit in accepting admission to the Health Sciences Center. Each student shall be responsible for his/her conduct from the time of the application for admission through the actual awarding of a degree, even though conduct may occur before classes begin or after classes end, as well as during the academic year and during periods between terms of actual enrollment. Students are expected to abide by all of the rules for academic integrity, as specified in the TTUHSC Student Affairs Handbook ([www.ttuhs.edu/student-services/doc/handbook.pdf](http://www.ttuhs.edu/student-services/doc/handbook.pdf)).

**Students with Disabilities:** *"Any student who, because of a disability, may require special arrangements in order to meet course requirements should contact the course instructor (or program director) to make the necessary referral. Students must present appropriate verification from Student Disability Services in a confidential meeting with the instructor. Please note that instructors are not allowed to provide classroom accommodation to a student until appropriate verification from Student Disability Services has been provided. For additional information, please contact the Office of Student Disability Services located in Lubbock - 2C412, by telephone at 806-743-1926, or by email [disabilityservices@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@ttuhsc.edu)."*

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