



**Elective Name:** Genders & Sexual Health Elective

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**Course Description:** This elective course is designed to educate students on the basic aspects of providing care to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) individuals. These aspects include awareness of the social and behavioral determinants of health that are unique to LGBT individuals, how to use inclusive language during patient interactions, and being informed of the health risks/treatment options associated with this marginalized patient population. This course follows the Fenway Guide to LGBT Health and aims to cultivate clinical skills and competencies for LGBT-centered healthcare, as supported by the American Medical Association.

**Prerequisite:** Enrollment in MSI/MSII Curriculum

**Semester Offered:** Fall 2024 through Spring 2025

**Max Enrollment:** 40

**Learning Objectives:**

**At the conclusion of this elective students will be able to:**

1. Explain the social, behavioral, cultural, and medical risk/treatment factors that are unique to LGBT patients.
2. Demonstrate how to take LGBT patients' complete history in a compassionate, competent, and trauma-informed way.
3. Summarize the primary barriers to healthcare facing LGBT patients.
4. Show how to incorporate these facets of LGBT-centered care into providing a safer, more welcoming clinic environment for their LGBT patients.

**Course Format:** The elective will be structured around six (6) didactic lectures over the entire 2024 – 2025 school year and one (1) cumulative OSCE-styled LGBT patient interaction. Meetings will be in person at TTUHSC Lubbock campus, with the option to switch to Zoom as needed.

**The first lecture will be a mandatory introduction to the elective.** All other lectures will provide an overview of various subjects focusing on various aspects of LGBT patient healthcare. There will be five (5) lectures in the fall semester, two (2) lectures in the spring semester, and a mandatory patient interaction activity in December.

**Course Material:** There is one recommended text for this elective:

*Fenway Guide to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health, 2nd Edition, by Harvey J. Makadon, MD, Kenneth H. Mayer, MD, Jennifer Potter, MD, Hilary Goldhammer, MS.*

Before sessions, students may complete recommended reading from Fenway textbook or complete an online learning module from National LGBTQIA+ Education Center, in order to be prepared for the upcoming lecture. Online learning modules are free to access, and only require students to make an account.

Attendance at 5 out of 6 didactic sessions, as well as the mandatory OSCE styled patient interaction, is required for completion of the elective. All participants must attend the introductory session. For the OSCE, you will need your stethoscope, red name badge, and white coat.

**Grading:** The course will be graded Pass/Fail. Attendance at a minimum of five (5) of the six (6) lectures and attendance at the mandatory OSCE is required for a passing grade. If students are unable to attend five lectures, make-up assignments are allowed. Regarding making up sessions, students must read a chapter from the Fenway textbook or complete an online module related to the missed lecture, and write a one page essay over the topic to demonstrate understanding of the material.

**Application:** We will accept a total of 40 students (MS1 & MS2). Those interested in being a part of the elective will submit an application, which will go under consideration by the course directors. The elective application will be due on **Sept 15, 2024 at 11:55 PM.**

### Schedule

<p><b>September 19 @ 12pm</b> Room: TBD</p>	<p><b>Introduction Session: Course Overview and Healthcare Considerations for MSM/WSW (MANDATORY)</b></p>
<p><b>October 3rd @ 12pm</b> Room: TBD</p>	<p><b>Barriers to Healthcare Access Faced by LGBT Individuals</b> Lecturer: Dr. Prabhu</p>
<p><b>October 24th @ 12pm</b> Room: TBD</p>	<p><b>Psychiatric Healthcare for LGBT Individuals</b></p>
<p><b>November 19th @ 12pm</b> Room: TBD</p>	<p><b>Healthcare Needs of Transgender Patients + Gender Affirming Surgeries***</b> Lecturer: Dr. Bennett</p>
<p><b>1st Week of December (Dec 2&amp;3***)</b></p>	<p><b>OSCE-Styled Transgendered Patient Interaction (MANDATORY)</b></p> <p><b>The date will be finalized after we have both MS1/MS2 schedules through December, since this is a mandatory activity.</b></p>
<p><b>Early January TBD</b></p>	<p><b>Law and Policy Affecting LGBT Individuals and LGBT Identity Across the Lifespan</b></p>
<p><b>Late January TBD</b></p>	<p><b>Intersex Patients</b></p>