MEDICAL SPANISH PROCTOR/EDUCATOR

With the sizeable and growing Spanish-speaking population in California and nationally, comfort with Spanish is becoming a necessity for medical practitioners. Therefore, we must adequately train our practitioners at all levels, whether medical students, residents, or attending physicians/faculty. This course will give DGSOM medical students the opportunity to contribute in a very meaningful way to the Spanish training of their peers and the physicians at UCLA.

This Selective will put the participant in an educational/instructor role within the partnered Medical Spanish Selective. The course combines online study with in-classroom activities as well as interviewing of hospitalized patients at UCLA Medical Center; the Proctor/Educator will precept and teach Medical Spanish to the Medical Spanish Selective participants. This will involve leading them through patient cases and assisting with interviewing hospitalized patients. In addition, the participant can be involved in creating additional teaching methods within the course if so desired.

The course will meet twice monthly for 8-9 months, however, the Proctor will only be expected to be present for one of the two meetings monthly. We will work the group of Proctors to schedule attendance throughout the year.

Learning Objectives:
By the end of this course, the students will have gained skills in teaching the Spanish language to medical practitioners, which will translate to teaching skills in other realms. The students will also have opportunities to develop educational programming for the course, a skill that they will use beyond the course as well.

Course Chairs:
Colin Robinson, M.D., M.P.H., Clinical Instructor, UCLA Internal Medicine-Pediatrics, and
Kristen Kipps, M.D. Hospitalist, UCLA Internal Medicine

Student Requirements: Fluency in Spanish and comfort with Medical Spanish is required. Enthusiasm for teaching Spanish. We will also send the cases within a week of the meeting and it is expected that Proctors briefly review the cases prior to meeting.

Teaching Methods: Online independent study using Canopy (approximately 4-6 hours per month), classroom activities focused on oral communication in a medical encounter in the form of both scripted cases and interviewing hospitalized patients.

Enrollment: Maximum of 6 students.

Sponsoring College: Urban Underserved College

Schedule: There will be two monthly meetings, generally on Tuesdays, covering the same topic. The students that you will be proctoring will be divided into two smaller groups that will be assigned to one of the two meetings. Students will be required to attend 9 sessions between September and April that will take place on Tuesday evenings. ** Please note that this course runs past the end of Year 2, but if you sign up as an MS2, you are expected to fulfill the requirements of the course through April 2017.

Location: Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center