Non-Credit Elective Title
South Asian Health

Course Number
MDC 0913A

Location
N/A

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Blocks Available
AUG-MAY

Duration/Weeks
Aug-May

Hours Per Week
N/A

Students
NO LIMIT

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Lectures/Seminars
YES

Outpatient
NO

Inpatient
NO

Housestaff
N/A

Night Call
NO

Weekends
NO

Lab
NO

Exam Required
NO

Overall Educational Goal:
The goal of the South Asian Health non-credit elective is to raise awareness about health issues specific to South Asian immigrant and descendent populations, particularly in the local area. This will be accomplished through a lecture series on this topic and at least one community service component.

Objectives
I. Patient care: Students will learn culturally competent patient care that is compassionate, appropriate, and effective.

II. Medical knowledge: Students will understand medical issues especially relevant to the South Asian-American population.

III. Practice-based learning and improvement: Students will participate in practice-based learning through community service designed to serve the specific needs of the South Asian community that are not otherwise being met. This will be accomplished through attendance at and active participation in health fairs, health workshops, conferences, etc.

IV. Interpersonal and communication skills: Students will develop and practice interpersonal and communication skills by interacting and becoming involved with the South Asian-American community.

V. Professionalism: Students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner.

VI. Systems-based Practice: Students will demonstrate understanding of the context and system of health care, as well as an awareness of current barriers to obtaining health care. They will also demonstrate an awareness of strategies designed to assist patients in gaining access to care.

Brief Description Of Activities
Students will be required to attend at least six lectures outlining key topics specific to South Asian health. These lectures will be conducted by Rutgers-RWJMS faculty who are involved in South Asian health issues, members of SATHI-South Asian Total Health Initiative, and/or guest lecturers. Additionally, students will be required to complete one of several community service events offered throughout the year.

Method Of Evaluation
Attendance at minimum number of required lectures and community service events in order to complete the elective.