



Why should you join Diversity in Medicine?

- Amazing Team Environment
- Professional Development and Training
- Leadership Growth and Experience
- Professional Networking Opportunities
- Professional and Peer Mentoring
- Create Memorable Moments
- Leadership Certification
- 2 units

Application Timeline

- Coordinator Applicant Info Session:
Wednesday February 15 at 4 pm
- Applications Due to
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Wednesday February 22 at 11:59 pm
- Interviews Week 9 and Week 10
- Final Decisions Released by Spring Break



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A once in a lifetime opportunity!



Apply to become a student coordinator today!

DIVERSITY IN MEDICINE

The *Diversity in Medicine* course was first approved as an accredited University of California, Irvine course on January 24, 2000 by the Committee on Educational Policy. The program was developed by a UCI medical student, Krystal Pham, and a UCI Post baccalaureate student, Van Huynh, who collaborated with university faculty and staff. [Prany Sananikone](#), the Director of Diversity Relations and Educational Programs of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity and Dr. Ralph Purdy, the Associate Dean of Admissions and Outreach of the College of Medicine became the founding co-directors of the program.

The first *Diversity in Medicine* course debuted in the Spring of 2000 as an elective course for medical students on a transcript notation. After the addition of Susana Sandoval, a student advisor in the Department of Bio Science Student Affairs, as the undergraduate director, the course became available for undergraduate units. After the program moved to the undergraduate campus, [Charles Vega M.D.](#), the director of the PRIME-LC Program at the UCI School of Medicine, joined in 2016 as a director and liaison to the UCI School of Medicine. Together, they promoted the course to undergraduate students.

Since its warm reception on the undergraduate campus by students, faculty, and medical doctors; the program has expanded to include units for undergraduate students and graduate students in the School of Public Health in 2011 with the addition of [Dr. Oladele Ogunseitan](#), the Chair of the Department of Population Health & Disease Prevention, and has since moved back to the UCI School of Medicine campus.

The *Diversity in Medicine* course is unique among all other University of California campuses because it is completely run by [student coordinators](#). The *Diversity in Medicine* coordinators are comprised of undergraduate, graduate, and medical school students who have a passion for promoting diversity and cultural competency.

True to the original vision of the program as a means to provide information and improve patient/doctor clinical and communication skills, attitudes, and behaviors with ethnic and culturally diverse patients, the course today continues to be open to all undergraduate, graduate, medical students, doctors at the University of California, Irvine Medical Center (UCIMC), and staff around the university campus and outlying community.

MEET OUR COORDINATORS

How has Diversity in Medicine affected us? We asked some of our coordinators and these are their answers:

“Diversity in Medicine is an opportunity for the professionals of tomorrow to hone their skills while building life-long relationships. Personally it has been a safe space for me to learn and develop over the course of the past three years!”

-Shruti Shantharam,
Past Lead Coordinator

“DIM has really helped me grow professionally and personally. I’ve learned a lot about working in a team and about leading one, and I’ve gained really great support network of fun and driven people. It’s definitely one of the most unique opportunities on campus, and I’m really grateful to be a part of it.”

-Irene Velarde,
Past Lead Coordinator

“DIM gave me the confidence and drive needed to reach for my goals. It provided many opportunities to learn more about myself and my leadership qualities. I love how DIM provides that constant reminder of why I am here and why I love medicine.”

-Crystal Llanes
Student Coordinator



COORDINATOR DUTIES

- Brainstorm lecture topics and class theme
- Contact and invite Speakers to Diversity in Medicine
- Coordinate and implement class logistics
- Publicize class to students, staff, faculty, and UCI community at large
- Coach Speakers about goal of course

COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Attend biweekly meetings
- Coordinating at least one speaker
- Completing Individual Assignments
- Attend mandatory Professional Workshops
- 3 hours weekly outside of meetings
- Be a part of the team

For information please visit our Web site:

<http://diversityinmedicine.uci.edu>