

Course of Study

Hematology & Immunology [Online Course]

A thorough survey of the blood and its practical import in clinical practice.

YEAR FOUR: CLINICAL MEDICINE & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Pharmacognosy [Online Course]

A branch of pharmacology concerned with the physical characteristics of botanical and animal sources of crude drugs and vaccines. Covered in this course are the aspects and uses of the glycosides, tannins, volatile oils, alkaloids, endocrine products, and antibiotics.

Endocrinology [Online Course]

The science and medical specialty concerned with the internal or hormonal secretions and their physiologic and pathologic relations with special emphasis on chronic, degenerative diseases (diabetes, hypothyroidism, adrenal fatigue syndrome, etc.).

Behavioral Science [Online Course]

Practical Psychiatry for the Primary Physician. The basic concepts of psychiatric treatment are offered in simple terms to provide the primary care physician with the understanding of the use of psychological and spiritual principles in everyday practice.

Clinical Medicine [Online Course]

This last phase of studies represents the ultimate challenge for the self-paced, advanced student. Emphasis is on Bedside diagnosis: Interrogation & History, Auscultation, Palpation diagnosis, Functional medical diagnosis, laboratory examination. The course is supplemented with over 50 hours of online lectures on various medical topics - internal medicine, obstetrics, gynecology, oncology, surgery, general practice, emergency medicine, etc.; with 12 extensive study guides.

Who is this Program For?

It is for any member wishing to continue life studies and serve in Christian duty as a Hospitaller. If you are a medical doctor, view it as a refreshing review. If you are a practicing therapist, acupuncturist, chiropractor, nurse, etc. consider it a life fulfilling culmination, completing your ecumenical skills to the highest degree while serving under our Lord Jesus Christ.

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However, it actually goes much deeper than that. The text and materials have been preserved by the Grand Master. They reflect possibly the *secret teachings* that have been all but lost to the secular schools and popular media. Students have access to the treasures from the Grand Master's library. The matters we study here deal with Life and Death, Health and Disease, Salvation, and Eternal Life. It is entirely appropriate and necessary that we begin by praying to God.

Your study begins with evolutionary biology as that becomes the foundation for understanding comparative anatomy, behavior, physiology, chemistry, and genetics. Theistic evolution is the general opinion that classical religious teachings about God and creation are compatible with some or all of the modern scientific understanding about biological evolution. Theistic evolution is not a theory in the scientific sense, but a particular view about how the science of evolution relates to religious interpretations. It refers to an understanding of God that transcends yet includes normal time and space, with nature having no existence independent of God. It allows interpretations consistent with both literal and poetic readings of Genesis and objective science.

Clinical Rotations

The strength of our Order is only as strong as the services we provide. We encourage students to serve as much as possible. Recognizing two classes of members will enroll in this program, we require the following:

LICENSED PHYSICIANS

One week minimum per year of Enrollment.

MEDICAL STUDENTS

- 1st year: one week
- 2nd year: two weeks
- 3rd year: three weeks
- 4th year: four weeks

Registered program participants [doctors] and medical students will be assigned locations by the school's provost based on needs of the Order and circumstances of the student.

Clinical rotations constitute the exchange between the School's Order and Christian servitude of the participant. Student is responsible for all costs of transportation, lodging, and personal effects while in clinical rotation. Students and participants are urged to obtain missionary travel insurance.

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About the Order

The Sovereign Medical Order of the Knights Hospitaller, the ancient benevolent society of medical knights, formally announced the opening of its School of Medicine in Cuenca, Ecuador, October 13, 2007. Since the invasion of the Order by Napoleon on Malta, 1798, the Medical School was closed and for more than 200 years a Hospitaller Order has not resurrected its own school. Our members recognize that popular medicine is not suited to convey primary care training to doctors to aid and assist in services to poverty-stricken regions, and a medical program must be custom tailored for effective training of medical personnel.

This active, Medical Order is the last such organization, carrying on the work of monastic medicine, and we wish to have it preserved for the benefit of future generations as well as serve a lasting memory of a movement that contributed significantly to the Renaissance of today's modern medicine. This heritage included languages, transcription, folk tales, ceremonies, etc. about traditional medicine, and all the medical and nursing skills that were handed down from generation to generation including herbalism, surgery and ambulatory care.

The new school emphasizes the biological sciences, bedside diagnosis, tropical medicine, laboratory, emergency medicine, minor surgery and rural primary care. Academic learning will work in concert with clinical rotations in the rural clinics sponsored and operated by the Order. Already, 16 students are resident in Cuenca ending its first year of classes. Our web page is announcing its post-graduate program for member candidates interested in this unique medical degree (M.D.) program [www.smokh.org].

Description: The program is combined online studies with clinical rotations as service to the Order's Hospitals and primary care centers. The centers are currently located in Nevis, West Indies; Quito and Santo Domingo Ecuador; Malakoff, Texas; with other centers developing in Nepal and the Philippines. Enrollment is limited to members of the Order having taken monastic vows.

An application form can be found at www.smokh.org.

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YEAR ONE: EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY & CHEMISTRY

History of Monastic Medicine

Textbook reader is the Order's *MODERN MONASTIC MEDICINE*. Part one surveys the historical development of monastic [clerical] medicine.

Medical Biology [Online Course]

The study of biological principles with special emphasis on theistic evolution in relation to evolutionary processes on human cellular metabolism, reproduction, natural processes etc. Introduces basic concepts of biology at the cellular, organismal, population, and global (gaia) levels of organization and their applications to human development of a more healthful society. This course represents an untold saga of different world views of many eminent biologists and naturalists whose viewpoints have all but been removed from the textbooks. Such concepts and observations of pleomorphic life forms supply the natural medicine practitioner the knowledge to understand how such mysterious diseases as prion illness can arise from bad agricultural practices that are inimical to life itself. This course also furnishes a foundation in microbiology, embryology, obstetrics and gynecology; holiness of birth.

Medical Chemistry [Online Course]

The study of chemistry, organic and inorganic, with special emphasis on its applications in medical practice and laboratory and tropical medicine; as well as pharmacy chemistry and homeopathy.

First Aid [Emergency and Wilderness Medicine]

As a missionary doctor, this is one of our most important courses. The course is presented online and supplemented with a DVD.

YEAR TWO: ANATOMY & SURGERY

Cell Biology [Online Course]

The study of the anatomy, physiology, pathology, and chemistry of the cell with emphasis on growth, nutrition and development. A lesson series emphasizing the morphological and chemical make-up of cells, the physical and chemical properties of the cell, and the modern techniques for investigation of cellular functions and its relation to health and longevity. In on site laboratory students learn the Papanicolaou staining method for making in house Pap smears, bronchial sputum biopsies, etc.



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Anatomy & Physiology [Online Course]

Lessons in an integrated study with emphasis on diagnostic physiotherapy, massage and acupuncture topology. The major objective is to give students a firm understanding of the systemic and cellular mechanisms responsible for maintaining homeostasis in the human organism. Emphasis is placed on understanding how the important systems of the body interact in controlling function and its relation to clinical diagnosis. Lectures on DVD complement this course.

Histology (Microanatomy) [Online Course]

The study of the detailed structure or minute anatomy of the normal body as it is revealed by various techniques in magnification. It includes histochemistry, cytology as well as the study of the tissues and organs.

Human Pathoanatomy [Online Course]

Diagnosis is the first and most important part of any treatment. Most students have a theoretical understanding of organ changes in disease, but often fail to recognize or appreciate the essential gross findings when presented with a disease or disorder. Learning the precise description of a lesion in an organ or tissue is as much a part of medical training as is the physical examination of the patient. Most schools fall short on this issue.

YEAR THREE: PATHOLOGY

Human Pathology [Online Course]

The pathologic approach to disease. Studies circulatory disturbances, degenerative processes, inflammation, disturbances of growth and development, and neoplasia. Material is taught in a practical, clinical approach, rather than by rote memory of pathological slides.

Microbiology & Parasitology [Online Course]

The science concerned with microorganisms, including fungi, protozoa, bacteria, and viruses; as well as helminth parasites, primarily nematodes, cestodes, trematodes, and acanthocephalans. Epidemiology is also surveyed.

Neurology [Online Course]

The branch of medical science concerned with the various nervous systems (central, peripheral, and autonomic, plus the neuromuscular junction and muscle) and its disorders. Part II –

Dolorology: Pain is one of the most basic symptoms that takes a patient to a practitioner for relief. The pathophysiology and the complexities of pain are covered in 7 additional lessons.