



DREW UNIVERSITY MEDICAL HUMANITIES PROGRAM

When the Liberal Arts were identified in Classical Antiquity, Medicine played a vital role among them. Subsequently, the Medical Arts (along with Architecture and Theology) were banished from their midst. And, even today, when pre-medical and other health care curricula are normally included in the Liberal Arts colleges, the effects of that historic schism persist. The academic discipline of Medical Humanities is grounded in comprehensive scholarship that recognizes health care as an inseparable part of the broad spectrum of creative human discourse. This recovery of an antique perspective is definitely not antiquarian in character. It is in keeping with the most contemporary insights of both the arts and sciences.

However, developing comprehensive perspectives means that we must learn to know each other's words. We must come to understand a common language. We must explore our values and ethics. We must practice new interactions in the healing arts. We must study to keep both our objectivity and compassion alive. We must keep in view the urgency of our vocations.

This is an exciting and demanding field of education. Drew and Raritan Bay are proud to provide distinctive settings in which you may take an active part in that education. Our community of dedicated faculty welcomes qualified graduate colleagues on a dynamic quest for health care among the Humanities.

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