

USC SCHOOL	Keck School of Medicine
ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT	Medical Education
GRADUATE PROGRAM	Narrative Medicine
POSTCODE	1796
TERM EFFECTIVE DATE	Fall 2021

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A brief description of the graduate program.

The Narrative Medicine Master of Science degree offered by the Keck School of Medicine integrates narrative theory, practical experience, and research methods into study of the ethical, philosophical, and sociocultural foundations of clinical relationships. To gain insight into the power of narrative and to develop a critical understanding of the nuance and complexity of storytelling, students in this program will be trained in methods of close reading, attentive listening, and reflective writing in the service of professional development and civic outreach.

The program is designed to strengthen and to reshape the ways institutions and individuals understand the relationship between clinical medicine, public health, and social justice, as well as to reaffirm and learn from the intimate, interpersonal experiences of the clinical encounter.

COMMON BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAM PATHWAYS

A list of common bachelor's degrees that undergraduate students pursue in advance of pursuing a progressive degree option with this graduate program. Some programs are restricted to certain majors, while others are open to all students.

Health & Human Sciences	Psychology
Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	English/Creative Writing

PREPARATORY UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

A list of courses at the undergraduate level that prepares students for the graduate program. Required coursework is listed first, followed by recommended courses. If not applicable, this section will be blank.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Required or Recommended	Units
WRIT-340	Advanced Writing	Recommended	4

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES USED TO REDUCE GRADUATE-LEVEL UNITS

A list of undergraduate-level courses that may be used to reduce the number of graduate-level units required for the graduate program. If there are none, that is specified instead.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
	NONE	

CORE GRADUATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (24 units)

A list of all required graduate courses for the graduate program. None of these courses may be used toward satisfying undergraduate degree requirements.

If special exceptions for any of these courses are made by the academic department, the course # is marked with an asterisk () and the exception is explained in the "Department Notes" section at the end of this course plan template.*

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
MDED-501	Narrative Medicine I	4
MDED-502	Narrative Medicine II	6
MDED-503	Creative Writing and its Applications in Narrative Medicine	4
MDED-504*	Research Methods in Narrative Medicine	4
MDED-505	Intersubjectivity: Lived Bodies/Relational Selves	4
MDED-593	Narrative Medicine Capstone	2

PRE-APPROVED ELECTIVE COURSEWORK

Elective coursework is approved at the discretion of the academic department. Note the following details about the total number and units required for elective coursework.

2	TOTAL ELECTIVE COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE
8	TOTAL ELECTIVE UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE

TOTAL UNIT COUNTS AND REQUIRED GRADUATE UNITS

32	TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE
**8	TOTAL GRADUATE UNITS THAT MAY BE WAIVED (IF ANY)
24	MINIMUM NUMBER OF GRADUATE UNITS THAT MUST BE AT THE 500 LEVEL OR ABOVE

NOTES FROM THE DEPARTMENT

This section highlights any unique considerations, exceptions, or requirements for the graduate program. If a program has specific restrictions (courses, majors, etc.), they are detailed below.

*The Qualitative Research Methods course may be satisfied by an equivalent graduate-level course taken elsewhere.

**An Approved Qualitative Research Methods course (4) and an approved 400 level elective (4).

Dr. Pamela Schaff	March 30, 2021
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Name of Authorizing Master's Program Dean**Date Approved**

Director, MS in Narrative Medicine

Authorizing Dean's Title