MMA

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN
MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

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Medical Anthropology is an interdisciplinary subfield of anthropology that draws upon archaeological, biological, cultural, and linguistic anthropology to better understand assumptions about health and well being, the experience and distribution of illness, the prevention and treatment of illness, and healing processes across diverse populations.

The online Medical Anthropology program is unique among Creighton’s healthcare graduate programs in that it broadens conventional views of health and healing by addressing complex cultural and biological questions. The interdisciplinary approach to health and healthcare makes the Medical Anthropology program highly complementary to other specialized health-related programs offered at Creighton.

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have a bachelor’s degree or its equivalent from an accredited college or university by the start of the first semester in the program. An application should include:

- Completed Graduate School application for admission
- $50 application fee
- Current resume
- Statement of purpose
- Writing sample
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Three recommendations
- International students: minimum TOEFL of 550 (paper-based) or 80 (internet-based)

Applicants must acknowledge regular access to the technology needed to take online courses. By applying, students are implicitly acknowledging such access.

PROGRAM DELIVERY

The master’s program and certificate program can be completed within one academic year, including summer sessions. However, students can elect, in consultation with their academic advisor, to follow a different program schedule.

All courses are offered online.

Throughout the program, each student will work with a mentor chosen by the student in conjunction with the program faculty.
MASTER’S DEGREE
36 CREDIT HOURS (12 COURSES)

Students in the master’s program choose from three tracks. The first two tracks culminate in an original thesis, while the third track requires a capstone paper.

Students in the Field Research Track identify a health-related research problem within a domestic or international context, design a research proposal, and engage in fieldwork. Students collect data and make observations in order to produce original knowledge and make concrete recommendations for health practitioners and policy makers.

Students in the Library Research Track identify a health-related research problem and engage in an exhaustive interdisciplinary literature search on the topic. They develop arguments for organizing and interpreting the literature and translate conclusions into suggestions for health practitioners and policy makers.

Students in the Practicum Track identify an agency or organization addressing health-related issues and select a supervisor within the organization to mentor their work. Students familiarize themselves with the programs offered by the organization and use a medical anthropology perspective to develop a product for the organization, such as a new program or assessment tool.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
18 CREDIT HOURS (6 COURSES)

Students in the certificate program do not choose a track but select courses from among the medical anthropology courses that are in line with their interests. The certificate is awarded whenever they have completed the required number of credit hours.
INTRODUCTION
Upon admission, students take the following orientation courses: GRD 600 Graduate Student Orientation and GRD 601 Writing for Graduate Students.

CORE COURSES
The courses can be taken in any sequence.

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ELECTIVES
Students may take any of the elective medical anthropology courses, such as MMA 590 Social Epidemiology, MMA 591 Food, Culture and Nutritional Health, MMA 592 Social Science Approaches to Understanding Disease, MMA 593 Cultural Competency in Health Care, MMA 604 Social and Cultural Contexts of Health Care, MMA 619 Rescue and Transplantation: Manifestations of Scarcity and Power in US Health Care, and MMA 650 Indigenous Health Issues. They can also take courses taught by the program’s faculty in other programs.

THESIS/PRACTICUM COURSES
After completing the core and elective courses, students take nine credit hours of one of the following: MMA 770 for students in the Field Research Track, MMA 771 for students in the Library Research Track, and MMA 772 for students in the Practicum Track.
Program Faculty

Dr. Barbara Dilly
Expertise: Qualitative methods, rural health

Dr. Laura Heinemann, Co-Program Director
Expertise: Qualitative methods, care and caregiving, domestic health services, anthropology of biotechnologies

Dr. LaShaune Johnson
Expertise: Community-based research, social determinants of chronic illness and cancer risk

Dr. Rebecca Murray
Expertise: Quantitative methods, statistics

Dr. Laeth Nasir
Expertise: Family medicine, refugee health, Arab patients in healthcare

Dr. Alexander Rödlach, SVD, Co-Program Director
Expertise: Qualitative methods, HIV/AIDS, religion and health, global health

Dr. Renzo Rosales, SJ
Expertise: Economic and development anthropology, intercultural competence, Latin American health issues

Dr. Pamela Runestad
Expertise: HIV/AIDS, medical narratives, Japan, bicultural aspects of health and illness

Dr. Helen Stanton Chapple
Expertise: Medical anthropology in nursing, ethics, death and dying, hospice

Dr. John Stone
Expertise: Bioethics, healthcare disparities, community-academic partnerships

Dr. Dianne Travers-Gustafson
Expertise: Medical anthropology in nursing, public health, rural health

Internships
The program faculty is committed to assist students in identifying internship opportunities that integrate a medical anthropology focus with their own health and health care-related interests. In the past, students have chosen internships with various governmental, non-governmental, and private organizations such as Lutheran Family Services, CHI Health, the Nebraska AIDS Project, and the Public Health Institute (California).

Career Placement
Students trained in medical anthropology have strong employment prospects for academic and non-academic positions. Within academic anthropology, there has been steady growth in the number of faculty positions for medical anthropologists over the last decade. Medical anthropologists are also well qualified for faculty positions in medicine, public health, nursing and allied disciplines. In addition, medical anthropologists have strong prospects for nonacademic positions in the government, nonprofit, or private sector.