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Sample 6-Week Program Calendar

The following sample calendar is representative of the AMSA-VITAS End of Life Education Fellowship Program but is NOT the actual calendar which will be used for this year's program. This information is posted to provide you with an idea of the program structure and topics that you will encounter as a participant.

Week 1					
Time	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
8:30 AM	Breakfast	Breakfast			Breakfast
9:00 AM	Greeting, general orientation to program	Lectures related to Volunteers (OSHA)	Clinical Experience: IPU	Clinical Experience: IPU	Skin ulcer products & fungating tumors
9:30 AM	Pre-tests				
9:45 AM		Break			Break
10:00 AM	Break	Communication: Breaking Bad News			Skin disorders
10:15 AM	What is a "Good Death?"				
10:30 AM					Dyspnea and Respiratory Symptoms
10:45 AM	Introduction to Palliative Care				
11:00 AM					GI Symptoms
11:15 AM					
11:30 AM					Neurological Symptoms
11:45 AM		**Lunch**			
12:00 PM	**Lunch**				
12:30 PM					**Lunch**
12:45 PM		Interdisciplinary Team			
1:00 PM	End of Life Care Delivery Systems	Predicting Patient Prognosis – Hospice Criteria			
1:30PM					
2:00 PM	Break	Break			Debriefing
2:30 PM	Video: "To Live Until I Die"	Patient Assessment			
3:00 PM					
3:30 PM					
4:00 PM					
4:30 PM					
5:00 PM					

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Week 2					
Time	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
8:30 AM	Breakfast				HOLIDAY
9:00 AM	Pain Management	Clinical Experience: IPU	Clinical Experience: IPU	Clinical Experience: IPU	
9:30 AM					
10:00 AM					
10:15 AM	Break				
10:30 AM					
10:45 AM	Pain Management Case Studies				
11:00 AM					
11:15 AM					
11:30 AM					
12:00 PM	**Lunch**			**Lunch**	
12:30 PM					
1:00 PM	Depression, Anxiety, and Delerium				
1:30PM				Debriefing	
2:00 PM	GU symptoms				
2:30 PM	Anorexia and Fatigue				
3:00 PM	Break				
3:30 PM	Last days of Life				
4:00 PM					
4:30 PM					
5:00 PM					

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Week 3					
Time	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
8:30 AM	HOLIDAY				Breakfast
9:00 AM		Clinical Rotation	Clinical Rotation	Clinical Rotation	WIT: Review movie and discuss various issues
9:30 AM					
10:00 AM					
10:15 AM					
10:30 AM					
10:45 AM					
11:00 AM					
11:15 AM					
11:30 AM					
12:00 PM					**Lunch**
12:30 PM					
1:00 PM					Debriefing
1:30PM					
2:00 PM					
2:30 PM					
3:00 PM					
3:30 PM					
4:00 PM					
4:30 PM					
5:00 PM					

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Week 4					
Time	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
8:30 AM	Breakfast				Breakfast
9:00 AM	Legal issues: informed consent and advance directives	Clinical Rotation	Clinical Rotation	Clinical Rotation	Work on EOL Projects
9:30 AM					
10:00 AM	Break				
10:15 AM					
10:30 AM	Artificial nutrition and hydration				
10:45 AM					
11:00 AM					
11:15 AM					
11:30 AM					
12:00 PM	**Lunch**				**Lunch**
12:30 PM					
1:00 PM	Physician assisted- Suicide & palliative sedation				Debriefing
1:30PM					
2:00 PM					
2:30 PM	Break				
3:00 PM	Other ethical dilemmas: Pain Management hastening death, CPR, non-traditional hospice treatment				
3:30 PM					
4:00 PM					
4:30 PM					
5:00 PM					

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Week 5					
Time	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
8:30 AM	Breakfast				Breakfast
9:00 AM	Psychosocial issues near the End of Life	Clinical Rotation	Clinical Rotation	Clinical Rotation	Debriefing
9:30 AM					
10:00 AM	Break				
10:15 AM					
10:30 AM	Spiritual issues at the End of Life				
10:45 AM					
11:00 AM					
11:15 AM	Bereavement care				
11:30 AM					
12:00 PM	**Lunch**				**Lunch**
12:30 PM					
1:00 PM	Caring for the Caregiver				Work on EOL Projects
1:30PM					
2:00 PM	Break				
2:30 PM	Pediatric Hospice Care & Social Services				
3:00 PM					
3:30 PM	Break				
4:00 PM	Pediatric Hospice Care				
4:30 PM					
5:00 PM					

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Week 6					
Time	**Monday 28**	**Tuesday 29**	**Wednesday 30**	**Thursday 31**	**Friday 1**
8:30 AM	Breakfast				Breakfast
9:00 AM	Buddhist	Clinical Rotation	Clinical Rotation	Clinical Rotation	Round Table project debriefing session
9:30 AM					
9:45 AM					
10:00 AM	Break				
10:15 AM					
10:30 AM	Jewish				Final Presentations
10:45 AM					
11:00 AM					
11:15 AM	Hispanic				
11:30 AM					
12:00 PM	**Lunch**				**Lunch**
12:30 PM					
1:00 PM	African American				Final Presentations Cont'd, Post Test and Post course evaluations
1:30 PM					
1:45 PM	Caribbean				
2:00 PM					
2:15 PM					
2:30 PM	Break				
3:00 PM					
3:15 PM	Muslim				
3:30 PM					
4:00 PM	Hindu				
4:30 PM					
4:45 PM					
5:00 PM					