# MEDICINE – M.D. WITH RELIGION AND SOCIETY – M.A.

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#### Faculty

The faculty for the combined degrees Religion and Society *with* Medicine Program is drawn from Loma Linda University's Schools of Religion and Medicine.

## Admissions

Students are selected through a competitive process involving both the School of Medicine and School of Religion. Selection is based upon standard admission criteria for the M.A. degree in Religion and Society. Scholarship opportunities are available; please contact program directors for details.

## The program

The program is designed for physicians seeking to serve the church and world in the 21st century, and ideal for the medical professional seeking deeper biblical, theological, and philosophical insight, spiritual growth, practical competency, and cultural literacy. The curriculum covers the basic areas of theology, biblical studies, and Christian spirituality, and can also be customized around a particular area of interest.

An M.A. degree in religion and society taken as a stand-alone degree requires 48 units in religion and related courses. However, the M.D./M.A. combined degree student is able to reduce the total units required by sharing units between the two programs in the following manner.

#### First, Second, & Third Years

Standard M.D. curriculum			
Fourth Year			
M.A. coursework			
Courses in M.D. curriculum shared with M.A. curriculum			
RELR 704	Orientation to Christian Physician Formation	2	
<b>RELE 714</b>	Advanced Medical Ethics	2	
RELT 716	God and Human Suffering	2	
RELT 707	Medicine, Humanity, and God <sup>1</sup>	2	
or RELT 740	World Religions and Human Health		
MCPF 510	Christian Physician Formation	4	
Autumn Quarter			
RELT 500	Biblical Hermeneutics	3	
RELT 520	Church History	3	
RELE 524	Bioethics and Society	3	
<b>RELE 589</b>	Biblical Ethics	3	
Winter Quarter			
RELT 508	Contemporary Christian Theology	3	
RELT 540	World Religions and Human Health	3	
RELT 558	Old Testament Thought	3	

RELG 696	Project	3	
Spring Quarter			
RELE 515	Faith and Flourishing	3	
RELT 559	New Testament Thought	3	
Elective		3	
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Fifth Year			
Standard M.D. fourth-year curriculum			
Total Units		48	

<sup>1</sup> Other 700-level School of Religion courses may also be used