As a health and human services provider, you’ve seen how patient needs are informed by diverse cultural and religious backgrounds. With both the Master’s degree and graduate certificate, you will learn how to support patient and family centered care by gaining a deeper understanding of patients’ culture, spirituality and religious beliefs. This knowledge can help improve health care quality, while reducing biases that lead to medical errors and medical inequity. This program not only helps you improve your care delivery, but also prepares you to train and mentor others in your organization.

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REL 6200  Spirituality and Health: Survey of the Field  3 cr

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