

Med School Offers "Mini-Medical School" Course

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Have you ever - in your secret fantasy life - wished that you could have gone to medical school? Do you read articles about medical breakthroughs and wonder what on earth they are talking about? The University of Nevada School of Medicine would like to offer you a chance to live that fantasy and be a medical student for six hours. You will learn how your body works and how to understand some of the medical language you read in the newspapers and articles. And you will have one advantage over Nevada's medical students - your "mini-medical education" is free.

When you have completed the four-session course, you will not be prepared to practice medicine, but the program does promise that you will have a better understanding of your body's biology, as well as the ability to interpret some of the mass of medical information you read every day.

Dr. William Gerthoffer will teach "Cells in Motion: How Molecular Motors Produce Power"; Dr. David Westfall will explain "Neurosciences: What Happens When Communication Breaks Down between Nerve Cells"; Drs. Gale Starich and Claude Lardinois will describe "Hormones: What Happens When the Wizardry Goes Awry"; and Dr. Mark Hall will instruct you about "Viruses: Causes of Epidemics Past and Present."

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The basic science professors chosen to conduct these sessions have been hand picked for their ability to present complicated material in language that the average person can understand.

In Reno, the four-session classes will be held from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Sept. 25, Oct. 14 & 28, and Nov. 19, in the school's Manville Auditorium.

In Las Vegas, the four-session classes will be held from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Sept. 24, Oct. 15 & 29, and Nov. 20, in Wright Hall Auditorium at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Refreshments will be served from 7 to 7:30 at each session in both cities.

This community service program is sponsored by the American Bank of Commerce in Las Vegas and Pioneer Citizens Bank of Nevada in Reno.

Anyone interested in signing up for this Mini-Med course can contact: Anna Buchner at 784-6003 in Reno, and Mary Gantala at 383-2638 in Las Vegas.