Are you interested in the study of how health and illness are shaped, experienced, and understood in light of biological, evolutionary, historical, socioeconomic and political forces? Are you interested in a career as a health services directors, health and social policy analysts, health care consultants, data analysts, social workers and health librarians? Are you interested in pursuing a graduate degree in public health? If so, then medical anthropology is what you’re looking for.

Medical anthropology is a very exciting subfield of anthropology that examines the evolution of humans and pathogens, the effects of globalization and international development on health disparities, and the health legacies of colonialism. Applied medical anthropology focuses on the implementation of community health programs which considers culture, ethnicity, and socioeconomic context in a regional or international setting.

Medical anthropologists gain knowledge and develop skills that lend themselves to a variety of careers, from medicine and medical research to academia and government. These skills include analyzing cultural development and the effect of culture on health, understanding medical data, investigating the spread of disease, studying alternatives to modern medicine, and communicating across cultures and languages.

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