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The Fellowship in Integrative Medicine Transforms Doctors' Practice

Two-year study provides better tools for better patient care

TUCSON, Ariz., June 10, 2010 – The Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine is currently accepting applications for the Fellowship in Integrative Medicine classes that begin in August and January. The Fellowship is a unique two-year distance learning program dedicated to teaching physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants the art and science of integrative medicine.

The Fellowship is implemented through the University of Arizona College of Medicine's Center for Integrative Medicine, founded in 1994 by Dr. Andrew Weil. The Center was built on the premise that the best way to change a field is to educate the most gifted professionals and place them in settings where they can, in turn, teach others.

"The sense of belonging to the community of fellows and a sharing of each others' experiences, sorrows and joys has transformed me both professionally and personally," said Arti Prasad, MD, a 2003 Fellowship graduate, chief of the Section of Integrative Medicine at University of New Mexico College of Medicine and director of Integrative Cancer Programs. "Drawing upon the unique strengths of my community of fellows and faculty, I feel I am being increasingly recognized as an agent of change at my institution and the world at large."

The first Residential Fellowship class began their studies in 1997, with four fellows. Today, the Fellowship has grown to accommodate 120 fellows per year. The nearly 500 Fellowship alumni hail from 35 specialties, 47 states and a dozen countries.

The Fellowship is primarily online, and supplements conventional medical training with knowledge of alternative and complementary therapies to deliver the best possible patient care. Additionally, during the two years of study, there are three separate residential weeks in Tucson, Ariz. The Fellowship offers the flexibility of online education, and the practicality of being able to immediately apply lessons learned in medical practice.

To apply, visit <http://integrativemedicine.arizona.edu/education/fellowship/apply.html>. To find out more about the Fellowship in Integrative Medicine, please visit www.azcim.org/fellowship or contact Moira Andre, senior program coordinator by telephone (520.626.2865) or email (imfellow@email.arizona.edu).

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