

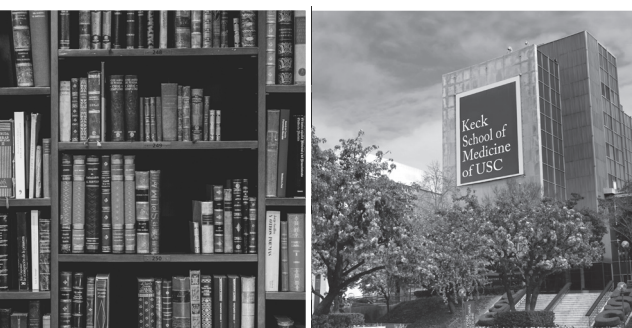
# Master of Science in Narrative Medicine

## Why Narrative Medicine?

Narrative medicine has the capacity to transform the health of individuals, communities, and health care systems. The Narrative Medicine Master of Science degree offered by the Keck School of Medicine integrates narrative theory, practical experience, and research methods into study of the ethical, philosophical, and sociocultural foundations of clinical relationships. To gain insight into the power of narrative and to develop a critical understanding of the nuance and complexity of storytelling, students in this program will be trained in methods of close reading, attentive listening, and reflective writing in the service of professional development and civic outreach. A cornerstone of our unique programming is our collaboration with local non-profit groups. Students will have the opportunity to teach and learn from these community partners and healthcare professionals about the relationship between health and narrative.

Training in this field will enhance the work of:

- Practicing clinicians (physicians, social workers, nurses, physician assistants, psychotherapists, occupational and physical therapists, speech pathologists, etc.).
- Mid-career professionals seeking to transition into teaching or service.
- Journalists, filmmakers, and individuals in the non-profit sector invested in health, social justice, and community.
- Humanities scholars planning to study in PhD programs who wish to develop tools for creating boundary-crossing initiatives that address real-world problems in community healthcare.
- Gap year students planning to pursue study in the health sciences.



## What does this program offer?

This one-year (on campus) program is designed to strengthen and to reshape the ways institutions and individuals understand the relationships among clinical medicine, public health, and social justice, as well as to reaffirm and learn from the intimate, interpersonal experiences of the clinical encounter.

The program will:

- Provide practical experience in applying narrative medicine principles through community outreach and service, thus fostering the principles of social justice and inclusivity.
- Train students to implement narrative methods in medical education, training, and practice, as well as in fields outside of healthcare.

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*Rita Charon, MD, PhD, who originated the field, describes narrative medicine as*

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a rigorous intellectual and clinical discipline to fortify healthcare with the capacity to skillfully receive the accounts persons give of themselves - to recognize, absorb, interpret and be moved to action by the stories of others

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