



# NetQues

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## 1. Title of the video/resource

“Medical Humanities” as a resource [Link: http://www.logopedia.unimore.it](http://www.logopedia.unimore.it)

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## 3. Language

Italian

## 4. Abstract

The first year of the degree course we introduce **Core Values** that are the "ethical axioms" of the caring professions. To develop the core values we introduce the "medical humanities" that are an interdisciplinary field of medicine used in order to develop essential skills for humane medical care, like empathy. In particular we use arts (movie) in order to provide students insight into the human condition, suffering, personhood and responsibility to each other.

At the first year, we introduce three important caring profession's topic: illness, suffering and death. Every topic is considered from the bio-psycho-social point of view by an expert. Then, we organized the vision of movies (cineforum) talking about communication disabilities and learning disabilities.

At the first year we watch the movie: "**stelle sulla terra**" (Taare Zameen Par, director Aamir Khan) – learning disabilities.

At the second year we read books and articles who talks about people with communication disabilities ("**se ti abbraccio non aver paura**" by Ervas Fulvio, editor Marcos y Marcos).

In the third year we watch "**lo scafandro e la farfalla**" (*Le scaphandre et la papillon*, director Julian Schnabel) – communication disabilities.

At the end of each film and reading, an expert of medical humanities helps students to observe and analyse skills of empathy shown by the protagonist of the story/book, and think about their own feelings, emotions and self-reflection.

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Finally they are requested to produce a report which will be discussed with the supervisor.

## 5. Keywords

Core Values, Medical humanities, film, communication, disability

## 6. Motivation letter: Please, justify why this is a good example of good practice

In caring professions the connection between “knowledge” and “knowing how to live (be)” is crucial.

In order to learn and to understand how to relate with patients, students should develop these abilities:

- be empathic
- listening
- take care
- choose pertinent and relevant information from the patient’s history to build individual plans
- constantly monitor and improve their own way to communicate with the patients, both with words and without

Reflecting about skills of humane medical care by watching films and reading books is a good practice of medical humanities.

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