Supervised Research (2 semester credit hours – required every semester unless otherwise approved by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs and Instructors)

This course is specifically for individuals who have a doctoral degree and have a position as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow. This course consists of supervised research in a specific scientific/health care discipline. All courses require Instructor approval. (Postdoctoral Research Fellows will register for Supervised Research each semester and base the other course scheduling on their research projects in their lab.)

Responsible Conduct in Research for Postdoctoral Research Fellows (1 semester credit hour, Fall semesters)

Lecture series on ethical scientific practices for Postdoctoral Research Fellows. Topics will include all topics suggested by the NIH and NSF for funding of postdoctoral fellows, including research misconduct, critical thinking, data management, technology transfer mentoring animal welfare and human subjects.

Career Development for Postdoctoral Research Fellows (1 semester credit hour, Spring semesters)

Series of workshops and discussion sessions focused on career building skills for Postdoctoral Fellows to succeed in a professional career in sciences. Courses include management skills, professionalism, work/life balance, conflict resolution, web design and more.

Communication Skills (1 semester credit hour, Fall semester)

This course is designed to help postdoctoral fellows communicate more effectively in writing and orally. Areas of focus include organization of material, basic elements of grammar and style, and specific challenges such as writer’s block, addressing difficult topics, how to make up for a weak background in language, and communicating about research with different groups (peers, scientists in other fields, the general public as a consumer of scientific news). The course will also address topics of interest to postdocs whose native language is not English. Those topics will also prove helpful for native speakers of English in the international workplace, facilitating their exchanges with colleagues.

Teaching Skills (1 semester credit hour, Fall semester)

Presented by the Office of Education, this course will give Postdoctoral Research Fellows in depth training in curriculum development, learner motivation and assessment, time management and specific training skills. Participants will prepare a teaching philosophy statement.

Elective Course of Choice

Participants are eligible to take up to 3 semester credit hours of an elective course at all UTHSC-H with permission of the Instructor, Mentor and the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs.

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