

**Advocacy Elective  
Offered through Albany Medical College**

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| <b>Course Code:</b>           | MED-ED 4010  |
| <b>Title:</b>                 | Political Advocacy in Medicine   |
| <b>Instructor(s):</b>         | Dr. Joseph Wayne   |
| <b>Limitations:</b>           | Only offered from January through May  |
| <b>Duration:</b>              | Four weeks   |
| <b>Number Of Students:</b>    | One  |
| <b>Course Description:</b>    | This elective is designed to give the student hands-on experience in political advocacy with a medical professional organization. The student will work with the staff of the New York Chapter of the American College of Physicians (NYCAP). This staff includes one professional lobbyist as well as other administrative personnel who monitor legislation and government policy relevant to public health and the practice of medicine, and communicate with elected and appointed leaders. While on the elective, you will actively participate in this process. The majority of activity pertains to state government; however, there will be occasional opportunities to become involved with efforts at the federal level. Please note, students must complete the elective course requirements in the same timeframe for which they are officially registered for the course. |
| <b>Educational Objectives</b> | By the end of this elective, the student should a) understand the basic structure of our political system and how citizens can participate in the process of government; b) have experienced how organized medicine can work within our political system to improve the lives and health of our patients and advance the concerns of our profession; c) be aware of tools and resources that will help him or her in her own advocacy efforts; d) be better able to effectively communicate their needs and interests and those of their patients to elected leaders and appointed officials; e) demonstrate advocacy skills by direct involvement in a health or public health issue under current legislative consideration.   |
| <b>Evaluation Methods</b>     | Direct observation, written assignments, research and conference participation   |