HEALTHCARE ETHICS (CERT)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2023–Spring 2024 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/).

Graduate Certificate in Health Care Ethics
Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/intro/) (AS)
Department: Philosophy (http://louisville.edu/philosophy/)
Academic Plan Code(s): HCE_CGR

Program Information

Health care in the twenty-first century faces a series of ethical challenges arising from unprecedented advances in the medical sciences, combined with radical cultural and organizational change. The big business of health care can bring issues of social difference and injustice directly to our attention in the faces of individual patients.

The graduate certificate in Health Care Ethics is a 15 credit hour interdisciplinary graduate certificate is drawn primarily from coursework already offered for the MA and can be completed in one academic year. The certificate focuses on issues of social justice and the importance of race, gender, class, sexuality, religion, and culture on health and health care. The certificate is designed to serve mid-career professionals, faculty and staff on hospital ethics committees, and students in graduate and professional programs who want to enhance their credentials.

Admission Requirements

Students may be admitted to the graduate Health Care Ethics certificate program in any of the three ways:

a. Admission to any graduate or professional degree program at UofL, plus a letter of interest with the name of a faculty member who is willing to endorse the student’s readiness to pursue the certificate;
b. A graduate or professional degree in a related field from an accredited institution of higher learning, plus a letter of interest with one professional reference; or
c. Meeting the admissions requirements already established for the MA in Health Care Ethics.

Certificate Requirements

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HIST 589/ WGST 532 | History of American Sexualities
LAW 826 | Family Law
LAW 906 | Race and the Law
LAW 923 | Elder Law
LAW 924 | Sexuality and the Law
LAW 944 | Poverty, Health and the Law
LAW 946 | Introductions to Health Law
LAW 947 | Mental Health and the Law
LAW 959 | Genetics and the Law
LAW 977 | Animal Law
LAW 978 | Disability Law
LAW 980 | Medicine, Bioethics and the Law
PAS 615 | Theories of Race and Racism
PHIL/PAS 616 | African-American Philosophy
PHIL 690 | Philosophical Foundations of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
PHPB 612/ COMM 652 | Health Communication: Theory and Practice
PHPB 630 | Social and Structural Determinants of Health
PHPB 635 | Health Promotion Policy Development
POLS 668/ WGST 656 | Feminist Theory
PSYC 656 | Professional and Ethical Issues in Clinical Psychology
SOC 675 | Social Inequality & Stratification
SOC 685 | Race and Ethnicity
SOC 740 | Social Policy
MSSW 602 | Social Welfare Policy I
MSSW 603 | Diversity, Oppression, and Social Justice Practice
MSSW 622 | Social Welfare Policy II
MSSW 626 | Research Methodology and Design
MSSW 633 | Social Work and Human Sexuality
MSSW 636 | Death & Grief
MSSW 684 | Spirituality and Social Work

Minimum Total Hours 15

Students may graduate with the Certificate after completing 9 credit hours of core Bioethics (BETH) courses plus six (6) credit hours of electives drawn from either i) additional core courses, or ii) the list of approved electives in the HCE MA program, or another elective approved by the director of graduate studies for the Philosophy department.

At least nine (9) credit hours must be at the 600 level. An average of a B, with no more than one C, will be required for graduation.