Bioethics Graduate Certificate

The Graduate Certificate in Bioethics blends the missions and values of the medical field and social work for equitable service provision, knowledgeable development of ethical policies and just professional decision making at the institutional, local, or state level. This program provides an interdisciplinary exploration of bioethical issues that arise in health care, biological sciences and emerging technologies. It is most applicable to students with interests in nursing, social work, law, public policy, public health, philosophy, and theology.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet general University of Missouri-St. Louis Graduate School admission requirements.

Certificate Requirements

**Core**

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<td>PHIL 4435</td>
<td>Classical Ethical Theory</td>
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<td>or PHIL 4438</td>
<td>Recent Ethical Theory</td>
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<td>PHIL 5558</td>
<td>Current Issues in Bioethics</td>
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**Electives**

Choose two of the following:

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<td>SOC WK 6443</td>
<td>Health Care Policy (required for MSW students)</td>
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<td>NURSE 4900</td>
<td>Ethics and Values in Population Health</td>
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<td>PHIL 5530</td>
<td>Seminar in Social and Political Philosophy</td>
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<td>SOC WK 6630</td>
<td>Diagnosis and Related Pharmacology for Social Work Practice</td>
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<td>SOC WK 4755</td>
<td>Poverty, Human Rights, and Social Justice</td>
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<td>SOC WK 5635</td>
<td>Social Work Practice with LGBT Populations: Deconstructing the Alphabet Soup</td>
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<td>SOC WK 6645</td>
<td>Social Work in Healthcare Settings</td>
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**Total Hours**

12

No more than 6 total credits can be earned through courses at the 4000 level.

Additional elective courses can be included with the approval of the Bioethics program coordinator.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

- Identify and deconstruct bioethical problems in health care, systems, policies, and laws
- Apply ethical principles, norms, and theories in ethically complex situations to facilitate open and informed discussion among multiple stakeholders
- Apply ethical theories and methods to real-world bioethical dilemmas
- Describe the essential theories and methods that underpin the ethics of public health, clinical care, science, and research
- Identify and describe basic clinical concepts and processes in nursing and social work as well as connect them to present and future bioethical dilemmas