

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

PHIL 4435 or PHIL 4438	Classical Ethical Theory Recent Ethical Theory	3
PHIL 5558	Current Issues in Bioethics	3

Electives 6

Choose two of the following:

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

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