

BIOETHICS, CERTIFICATE

(General, Biomedical Research Ethics, or Clinical Bioethics)

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Overview

This certificate provides students with basic knowledge and skills that enable them to better address bioethics issues that arise in biomedical research, clinical practice, and health policy. The Graduate Certificate is a freestanding program of graduate study in which students attend the same classes as students in the Master of Arts (MA) in the Bioethics Graduate Program.

Admitted students may enroll in the general Graduate Certificate program or may specialize by enrolling in the Graduate Certificate in Biomedical Research Ethics or the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Bioethics. The specialized certificate options require courses within the general requirements described below. In their first semester of study, all Graduate Certificate students must enroll in at least one required course prior to or concurrently with taking any elective course.

Course Requirements

The Graduate Certificate requires 12 credit hours of course work with an average grade of B or above. At least 9 credit hours must come from required courses in the MA in Bioethics program. There is no thesis requirement. All work must be completed within four years of the date of initial enrollment in the graduate program. Up to 3 hours of transfer credit may be considered in place of elective course work. Transfer credit acceptance is based on review and approval of grades, course syllabi, and other relevant information. The minimum GPA required for completion is 3.0.

The Graduate Certificate in Biomedical Research Ethics requires students to enroll in BIE 702: Biomedical Research Ethics for 3 of the 9 credit hours of required/core courses. The Graduate Certificate in Clinical Bioethics requires students to enroll in BIE 705: Clinical Ethics for 3 of the 9 credit hours of required courses. Students in the specialized certificate programs may utilize elective courses designed to provide supervised observational and experiential opportunities in relevant settings.