BIOETHICS PROGRAM

Master of Science in Bioethics • Graduate Certificate in Bioethics

Where Knowledge and Values Meet
**Earn a Master of Science (M.S.) Degree or a Graduate Certificate in Bioethics**

The Biomedical Ethics and Humanities Program in the New York Medical College (NYMC) School of Health Sciences and Practice (SHSP) is a multidisciplinary academic program that integrates the scientific, social, philosophical and practical aspects of bioethics. The program is designed to teach students how to identify, analyze, manage and propose concrete solutions to complex ethical issues at the intersection of science, technology and policy. Students will be equipped to deal with current challenges in research ethics, global ethics, clinical ethics and organizational ethics. The program will prepare its graduates for rewarding careers in health sciences, biomedical research, health law, chaplaincy and other related fields.

**Why Biomedical Ethics?**

Biotechnology and the changing dynamics of health care delivery are transforming the landscape of today’s patient-centered care—and the ways in which patients can participate in their own care. In addition, as a society, questions about who we are, what we deem important and what kind of society we ultimate choose to live in, are increasingly being framed through the lens of health and medicine.

At the intersection of bioethics and society, the NYMC SHSP Biomedical Ethics and Humanities Program offers courses to challenge students to think about social and biomedical concepts. The program also uses historical, philosophical, legal and social-scientific approaches and models to address bioethical challenges. Through methodological and substantive training, these rigorous academic programs teach students to confront biomedical ethics issues in the real world.

The program will have educational opportunities for a diverse student population, ranging from medical and health professional school students to senior executives, while still having a focused curriculum that fits with people’s interests.
ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Students may earn an M.S. or a graduate certificate in bioethics from the NYMC SHSP. You may also enroll in courses for personal-professional development and self-edification.

- Official transcripts* from all post-secondary schools attended.
- A 500-750 word statement of academic purpose, addressing your purpose and interest in pursuing a degree in bioethics, and how the degree program fits into your overall professional growth, focusing in particular on the connection between the program and your academic and/or professional experience.
- Two letters of recommendation from teachers or professional colleagues who are well-positioned to comment on your intellectual strengths and professional promise.
- Resume or curriculum vitae (CV).
- Completed application form.
- A non-refundable application fee.

Note: An admissions interview may be required.

Apply now.
Contact medical_ethics@nymc.edu.

Application Deadlines
Fall semester August 1
Spring semester December 1

To enroll, as either a matriculated or non-matriculating student or for more information please email medical_ethics@nymc.edu.
**Program Goals and Objectives**

**Goal 1: To foster students’ development of competence as ethics scholars, including developing skills of ethical deliberation and implementing moral action strategies.**

**OBJECTIVES:** Provide training that will cultivate strong reasoning skills in the arena of ethics. The intent is for students to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to understand, analyze, plan and act on personal and professional values related to biomedical ethics. We have three interrelated objectives that originate from this goal, that our students develop proficiency in:

1. Demonstrating awareness of the ethical, legal, and social implications of issues related to bioethics.
2. Examining existing frameworks and challenging normative assumptions and expectations.
3. Communicating one’s decision and moral action strategy to various stakeholders and parties.

**Goal 2: To foster students’ development of interest in the social and humanities-based questions related to health.**

**OBJECTIVES:** Promote self-directed and life-long learning. We have two interrelated objectives that originate from this goal, that our students develop proficiency in:

1. Demonstrating awareness of how language and culture influence the way people understand concepts such as health, wellness and illness.
2. Engaging in personal introspection into one’s attitudes, beliefs, opinions, and feelings about one’s own and others’ cultural and moral premises as they relate to health, wellness and illness.

**Core Competencies**

Upon graduation, a student with an M.S. degree or graduate certificate will be able to manifest the following core competencies:

1. Identify basic theories, concepts and models of biomedical ethics.
2. Develop the skills of ethical reasoning to reach ethically defensible resolutions.
3. Appreciate the ways in which ethical values are integral to the practice of medicine and health care delivery, both in the clinical encounter and from an organizational perspective.
4. Develop communication skills and implementation strategies to deal effectively with ethical issues.
Curriculum

Students will acquire foundational knowledge of ethical thinking in biomedical ethics and learn how to apply that knowledge and the skills of ethical deliberation that they develop to three major areas: (1) society and social policies; (2) the clinical encounter; and (3) a hospital’s or health system’s organizational culture and ethos. Students will study with a broad range of faculty, allowing them to draw on the diverse expertise and resources that NYMC has to offer.

Classes are offered online and/or on-campus during evenings.

M.S. Total: 36 credits
Certificate Total: 15 credits

Required Core Courses
- Theories and Practice in Biomedical Ethics
- The Patient-Clinician Relationship
- Ethical Leadership and the Business of Healthcare

*Students in the M.S. degree program must take all three courses. Students pursuing the graduate certificate program may choose 2 of the 3 courses.*

Sample Elective Courses
- Health Care Ethics and Health Law
- Pharmaceutical Ethics
- Philosophy of Medicine
- Medical Anthropology
- Medicine and Literature: A Cross-Cultural Perspective
- Bioethics: Questions Regarding End of Life Issues
- Bioethics: Questions Regarding Beginning of Life Issues

Sample Jewish Medical Ethics Elective Courses
- Introduction to Jewish Medical Ethics
- Jewish Medical Ethics: Questions Regarding Beginning of Life Issues
- Jewish Medical Ethics: Questions Regarding End of Life Issues
- Jewish Medical Ethics: Questions Regarding Surgery
- Jewish Medical Ethics: The Patient-Physician Relationship

Independent Project (requirement for M.S. students)

Depending on the interests and goals of the student, either a thesis or practicum is required.

For a full list of courses and descriptions, please visit www.nymc.edu/biomedicalethics.
LOCATION

New York Medical College is located on a 54-acre suburban campus in Valhalla, New York, 15 miles north of New York City. The College is easily accessible by highway and is seven miles from the Tappan Zee/Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge. Frequent rail and bus service is available. Directions are available at www.nymc.edu/directions.

ABOUT US

Founded in 1860, New York Medical College is one of the nation's largest private health sciences colleges. A member of the Touro College and University System, NYMC is located in Westchester County, New York, and offers degrees from the School of Medicine, the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences and the School of Health Sciences and Practice, as well as a school of dental medicine and a school of nursing. NYMC provides a wide variety of clinical training opportunities for students, residents and practitioners. The College has a strong history of involvement in the social and environmental determinants of health and disease and special concern for the underserved.

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