

The Certificate Programs

Our certificate programs were originally introduced at the request of working health professionals. They are designed to respond to the needs reported by hospital administrators, members of hospital ethics committees, health lawyers, pharmaceutical reps and others seeking advanced training in bioethics and additional certification of their expertise without undertaking a full-fledged masters program.

The Bioethics Program's sophisticated approach to competency-based education has also attracted graduate and professional students from the University of Pennsylvania and other bioethics programs who seek certification of their competency in specific areas of bioethics. Each certificate program is designed around one or more courses introducing students to applied theory, and some courses involving practice in applying theory.

All certificates offered by The Bioethics Program require the completion of four trimester courses, each course carries full graduate credit. The certificate program is registered with the New York State Department of Education.

Certificates are offered in three areas of specialization:

Specialization in Clinical Ethics:

The certificate in clinical ethics is designed around the [Core Competencies in Clinical Ethics Consultation](#) recommended by the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH).

Online courses

BIE 590 *Clinical Ethics* (Winter Term)

BIE 610 *On-Line Practicum in Clinical Ethics* (Spring Term)

On-site courses.

BIE 620 *Practicum in Clinical Ethics* a one-week 40-hour taught at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City, which includes work with standardized patients at the renowned [Morchand](#) Center. (Usually in the first week in June)

BIE 650 *Capstone in Clinical Ethics* a one-week 40-hour taught on both the Mount Sinai campus and the Union Graduate

College campus. (Usually in the second week of June)

The certificate in clinical ethics can be completed in six months commencing in January with graduation in June (all but two weeks of courses are on-line). It is our most popular certificate program. Graduates laud and the program find it invaluable. For further information, see *Course Descriptions*.

Specialization in Research Ethics

The certificate in research ethics has been adopted from the curriculum The Bioethics Program designed as part of its [National Institutes of Health/Fogarty Center grant](#) to train research ethicists in Central and Eastern Europe, including the countries that were once part of the former Soviet Union.

Online courses

BIE 555 **Research Ethics** (Fall Term)

BIE 610/R ***On-Line Practicum in Research Ethics*** (Spring Term)

On-site courses

BIE 620/R ***Practicum/Research Ethics*** a one-week 40-hour taught at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City, which includes work with standardized scenarios at the renowned [Morchand](#) Center. (Usually in the first week in June)

BIE 650/R is a one-week 40-hour ***Capstone/Research Ethics*** a one-week 40-hour taught on both the Mount Sinai campus and the Union Graduate College campus. (Usually in the second week of June)

Note: Students unfamiliar with the design of empirical clinical Research, may be required to audit or enroll in BIE 565

Empirical Research Methods (Fall Term)

The certificate in research ethics can be completed in one academic year commencing in September with graduation in mid-June (all but two weeks of courses are on-line). For further information, see *Course Descriptions*.

Specialization in Health Policy & Law

The certificate in health policy and law was originally designed as a one-year entirely on-line program that would serve the needs of working health care administrators who wanted a background in bioethics.

On-line courses

BIE 510 **Biomedical Ethics** (Fall Term)

BIE 520 **Health Care Policy** (Winter Term)

BIE 530 **Bioethics and the Law** (Spring Term)

BIE 545 **Reproductive Ethics** (Summer Term)

For further information, see *Course Descriptions*.

We are experimenting with an on-line/on-site version with practica, paralleling the other certificate programs. This version may soon be available to other interested students. **Inquiries welcome.**