

Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care & Bioethics (HCB)**Graduate Program Director**

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Degree Awarded

Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care & Bioethics

Website

<http://stonybrook.edu/bioethics/masters>.

Application

<https://graduateadmissions.stonybrook.edu/apply/>

Masters in Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care & Bioethics (HCB)

Our Program devotes equal attention to the mutually enhancing themes of bioethics, medical humanities, and the dynamic of compassionate care in a time when both patients and healthcare professionals find the healthcare system dehumanizing. Recognizing the need for an interdisciplinary approach to education, our faculty includes experts in Medicine, Ethics, History, Law, Literature, Philosophy, Religious Studies, the Social Sciences and Disability Studies. Our clinical faculty integrate perspectives from the humanities with their experience as health-care providers.

Those who should consider applying for the program include

- 1.) current MDs, RNs, JDs, PhDs, and other professionals seeking further expertise and career development;
- 2.) medical students and others pursuing professional degrees in fields such as health care, health sciences, humanities, pastoral care, law, business, social work, and journalism; and
- 3.) post-baccalaureate students in transition from the BA or BS to a professional degree who wish to expand their knowledge.

Admission

Requirements for admission to the MA in Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care & Bioethics include:

1. The admissions requirements of the Graduate School.
2. Writing Sample: A personal statement describing the applicant's relevant academic and work experience, and immediate and long-term goals.
3. Letter of Recommendation: Three letters of recommendation. At last two need to be from professors/instructors.

Note: Students who do not meet the above requirements may be admitted conditionally. Their status will be reviewed after the first semester of graduate study.

Make sure to check the program website for the latest instructions, <http://stonybrook.edu/bioethics/apply>

Requirements for the MA Degree in Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care & Bioethics

The program requires students to complete 30 credit hours (10 courses) and can be completed in one to three years. Four core courses, including our capstone course, are required. For the remaining six elective courses, students must take at least four with our Center faculty and may take the remaining two either from our own courses or from select courses across campus that meet the criteria for credit in the program.

For a list of required courses, elective courses and course descriptions please visit our website.

Required Courses

HCB 501 Compassionate Care, Medical Humanities, and the Illness Experience

HCB 502 Landmark Cases in Bioethics OR HCB 521 Clinical Ethics Practicum

HCB 503 Traditions and Values in Bioethical Conflicts

HCB 599 Special Projects Capstone Course

Electives

HCB 502 Landmark Cases in Bioethics (*if HCB 521 is taken as a required course, HCB 502 can be taken as an elective*)

HCB 504 Special Topic in Biotechnology

HCB 510 Literature, Compassion, and Medical Care

HCB 511 Bioethics, Disability & Community

HCB 512 Altruism and Bioethics

HCB 513 Disease and Society

HCB 514 Global Bioethics

HCB 515 Health Policy, History & Ethics

HCB 516 Ethical Issues in Human Reproduction

HCB 517 The Problem of Evil: Philosophical, Biological, and Social Dimensions

HCB 518 Empirical Bioethics

HCB 519 Public Health Law

HCB 520 Bioethics and Film

HCB 521 Clinical Ethics Practicum (*if HCB 502 is taken as a required course, HCB 521 can be taken as an elective*)

HCB 522 The Role of Virtue Ethics in Medicine

HCB 523 Special Topics in Medical Humanities

HCB 524 Special Topics in Bioethics

HCB 598 Independent Study

Program Faculty

Director

Stephen G. Post, PhD

Center Director

History of Bioethics; Geriatrics; Dementia; Healthcare; Compassion and Altruism

Research & Teaching Faculty

Michelle S. Ballan, PhD

Professor and Associate Dean for Research, School of Social Welfare

Professor, Department of Family, Population and Preventive Medicine

Maria A. Basile, M.D.

Clinical Assistant Professor

Human Values and Medicine; Literature and Medicine; Medical Professionalism; Medical Education; Leadership

Richard A. Bronson, M.D.

Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology and Pathology

Reproductive Medicine; Poetry; Narrative in Medicine; Medical Education

John L. Coulehan, MD, MPH

Director Emeritus

Literature and Medicine, Empathy, Narrative, Clinical Ethics

Brooke Ellison, Ph. D.

Research Assistant Professor

Hope and Medical Ethics, Stem Cell Research, Sociology and Healthcare

Craig Malbon, PhD, MDiv

Leading Professor of Pharmacology

Medical Ethics, Social Justice, End-of-Life Ethical Issues

Phyllis Migdal, MD Clinical Assistant Professor

Institutional Ethics Committee

Medical Ethics, Health Disparity, Implicit Bias

Gretchen Mockler, MD Attending Physician

Assistant Clinical Professor

Jeffrey Trilling, MD Associate Professor

Medical Humanities and Ethics

Physician-Patient Relationship

Primary Care and Family Medicine

Michael Vetrano, PhD
Associate Course Director, Medicine in Contemporary Society
Clinical Ethics and Decision Making, Doctor-Patient Communication, Spirituality and Health Care
Religion and Bioethics

NOTE: The course descriptions for this program can be found in the corresponding program PDF or at COURSE SEARCH.