

Healthcare, Ethics, and Policy Minor

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Ethical issues have become increasingly prevalent in health care and health policy. The transdisciplinary minor in Healthcare Ethics and Policy (HEP) is designed to provide students with breadth and depth competence in the ethical dimensions of health care and health policy. The program particularly aims at preparing students with deep understanding of the ethical issues that arise in the contexts of health care, public health, health policy, biomedicine, biotechnology, and scientific research in multicultural society. The program encourages the study of ethical values and application of ethical principles in all aspects of the health care industry. The program is open to students in all majors; the target audience include students in nursing, allied health, philosophy, psychology, sociology, journalism, English, communication studies, organizational leadership, political science, anthropology. The program would be particularly beneficial to students seeking career paths in clinical ethics, ethics consultation, bioethics, philosophy, religion, nursing, social work, human services, psychology, journalism, sociology, anthropology, biomedical research, public health, public policy, health insurance, human resources, and many other professions in the health care industry. No more than 9 credit hours may be taken from the same discipline; additionally no more than 9 credit hours from a student's declared major may be counted toward this minor.

Program Objectives and Outcomes

Students who successfully complete this transdisciplinary program will acquire skills and competencies in:

- moral reasoning and ethical theory.
- medical and bioethical issues and concepts.
- professional codes and guidelines.
- relevant health law/policy.
- the health care system.
- organizational/institutional policies.
- the multicultural nature of health care institutions and their clients.

Course Requirements for Minor (21 credits)

The minor in the Healthcare Ethics and Policy consists of a minimum of 21 semester hours, including a 3 semester hours of core course in health care ethics and 18 semester hours of elective courses. No more than 9 credit hours may be taken from the same discipline; additionally no more than 9 credit hours from a student's declared major may be counted toward this minor

Core Courses (3 credits)

- PHI 220 Health Care Ethics - AH (3 credits)

Moral Reasoning and Ethical Theory (6 credits)

- PHI 300 Ethics and Social Responsibility (3 credits)

Select one:

- LDR 381 Organizational Ethics and Decision Making (3 credits)
- PHI 200 Introduction to Ethics - AH (3 credits)
- OR
- PHI 302 Ethics and Scientific Research (3 credits)
- PHI 308 Professional Ethics (3 credits)
- PHI 309 Global Ethics (3 credits)
- NRS 370 Legal, Ethical, and Professional Issues (3 credits)
- PSC 403 Politics in Action (3 credits)

Policy and Leadership (6 credits)

No more than 3 credit hours from the same discipline.

- ENG 347 Technical Writing (3 credits)
- LDR 300 Foundations of Leadership (3 credits)
- NRS 420 Concepts and Principles of Leadership Management (3 credits)
- PSY 344 Industrial/Organizational Psychology (3 credits)
- OR
- CMST 303 Organizational Communication (3 credits)
- PHI 330 Philosophy and Law (3 credits)
- PHI 320 Social and Political Philosophy (3 credits)
- PAD 412 Administrative Law (3 credits)
- PAD 403 Public Policy (3 credits)
- HSC 413 Aging in Today's Society (3 credits)
- OR
- SOC 480 Global Aging Issues and Policies (3 credits)
- OR
- ANT 375 Anthropology of Aging (3 credits)

Foundational Knowledge in Health Care (6 credits)

No more than 3 credit hours from the same discipline.

- HIN 355 Foundations of Health Informatics (3 credits)
- PHI 340 Neuroethics (3 credits)
- OR
- HSR 300 Ethics & Issues in Human Svc Profession (3 credits)
- REL 370 Religion and Science (3 credits)
- OR
- PHI 306 Philosophy and Science (3 credits)
- SOC 371 Environment, Society, and Public Health (3 Credits)

- OR
- PHI 360 Environmental Philosophy (3 credits)

- ANT 321 Medical Anthropology (3 credits)
- OR
- SOC 450 Medical Sociology (3 credits)

- CMST 403 Health Communication (3 credits)
- OR
- CMST 345 Family Communication (3 credits)

- PSY 333 Abnormal Psychology (3 credits)
- OR
- PSY 465 Health Psychology (3 credits)