



Requirements for the Certificate in Medical Humanities and Ethics

Program Description:

The Certificate in Medical Humanities is designed to provide a basic introduction to the humanistic foundations and traditions of healthcare. Students pursuing a Certificate in Medical Humanities and Ethics must select at least two Ethics courses (designated with a star*).

Participants:

The program of study is available to students who will be at the Lubbock campus for at least two years, and then available for completion of requirements off campus. Medical students will receive priority registration during their first year. Only well qualified applicants will be admitted to the program.

Course Structure:

Student must complete five seminar courses in addition to the Literature, Writing, and Service requirement. Students are expected to utilize self-directed learning to select, track, and complete requirements. In order to complete the program students will be required to complete all components of the program:

1. Core Curriculum

All students will be required to complete *Introduction to Medical Humanities* during their MS2 year. By the end of the MS2 year students must complete at least one additional Core Course from the following list.

Introduction to Medical Humanities

Perspectives on Medicine

Narrative Medicine

History of Medicine

Health and the Human Spirit

Spiritual Fluency

Virtue in Medicine

Spiritual Worldviews

Ethics

*Introduction to Bioethics Theory**

*Clinical Bioethics**

*Landmark Cases in Law and Bioethics**

2. Electives

Students may choose two elective classes in addition to the two Core courses. The following elective courses are offered in addition to the Core Courses. Core courses may be substituted for electives if desired. Not all courses are offered every year. Current elective courses include:

*Medicine, Movies and Culture**

The Art of Listening

*Law and Ethics of Research with Human Subjects**

*Genetics Law and Ethics**

*Bioethics at the End of Life**

*Ethics and the Brain**

3. Literature, Writing, and Service

All students must complete the Summer Medicine and Literature Seminar following successful completion of their MS1 year. Additional requirements for Writing and Service are interspersed throughout the medical school experience.

Medicine and Literature Seminar (MS1 summer)

Volunteer Activity (MS1-MS2)

Reflective Writing (MS1 and MS2)

Student Journals (MS3)

Medical Humanities Symposium (MS4)

4. Distinguished Speaker Events

Students will attend at least one Distinguished Speaker or Evening event each year. This component allows students to interact with the medical humanities community across years in medical school.

5. Capstone Course

The required Medical Humanities and Ethics Capstone Course will immerse students in conversation about contemporary issues in humanistic medicine. Students will produce a unique project of their own interests. Students must present their work during the *Medical Humanities Symposium*.

Students may take one or two courses per semester as their schedule permits.

Cost:

Medical Students may enroll in the Medical Humanities Certificate Program at no cost during the 2017-2018 academic year.