



Division of Health Sciences
University of Nevada, Reno

Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Graduate Certificate in Bioethics. This program requires the completion of 14 credits, six of which are fulfilled through HCE 701 and HCE 702 which are online courses. Two credits are HCE 780 which is a required field placement that we arrange either in Reno or Las Vegas, or you can arrange a site closer to home with approval from the program chair and if the agency completes the site agreement. The remaining 6 credits usually translate into two elective courses. You can take these at the graduate level at a local institution in person, or through one of the many web-based courses offered by UNR. Electives that are not listed on our pre-approved course sheet must be approved by the Program in Health Care Ethics before you take the class. This simple process just requires us to review the course syllabus and then petition for the class to be included for your program.

HCE 701 is offered in the Fall Semester and HCE 702 and 780 are offered in the Spring Semester. These online courses work through a program called WebCampus that once you have registered for a class, you access through your computer's web browser (webct.unr.edu). The purchase of any special software is not necessary. The online portion of this program provides an opportunity to pursue a specialization in bioethics while maintaining careers, degree pursuits, and busy lifestyles.

If you are a Nevada resident, costs for the program have been \$221.75 per credit (2009 academic year). There is a one-time \$60 application fee (or \$40 if a University alum to the Graduate School and you must apply as a "Grad Special"). There is also a semester Student Union fee of \$49 (1-6 credits; \$97 for more than 6 credits). Depending on how many credits you take in a given semester (6 or more), there could be additional semester fees: Health Center \$79, Counseling Services \$30 (neither of these can be waived). Additional information is available on the UNR Controller's website at <http://www.unr.edu/vpaf/controller/cashiers-office/student-fees.html>.

I hope the information in the packet answers your questions. If you have other questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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To apply to the Online Bioethics Graduate Certificate Program

Submit...

- ❖ Two letters of recommendation
- ❖ Copies of all transcripts
- ❖ Academic writing sample
- ❖ Short statement of purpose explaining why you want to study bioethics, in what areas you wish to focus, and how you will use this expertise in your work or studies.

to the chair, Health Care Ethics Program

University of Nevada, Reno

Mail Stop 0339

Reno, Nevada 89557

Before you can enroll in classes you must:

- ❖ Apply for "Graduate Special" status
- ❖ Provide official transcripts and fee to Graduate School

UNR Graduate School link: <http://www.unr.edu/grad/>



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PROGRAM IN HEALTH CARE ETHICS (HCE)

(775) 327-2309

ethics@unr.edu

Application for Admission:

- HCE Minor Graduate Certificate in Bioethics

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Home/Cell Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____ Student R-Number _____

UNR INFORMATION

Entering Degree Status: ___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior	
___ Seeking Advanced Degree ___ Graduate Special (Non-degree student)	
Catalog Year Entered: _____	Anticipated date of Graduation: _____
Major: _____	Advisor: _____
Anticipated Degree: <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor <input type="checkbox"/> MA <input type="checkbox"/> MS <input type="checkbox"/> MPH <input type="checkbox"/> MSW	
<input type="checkbox"/> PhD <input type="checkbox"/> EDD <input type="checkbox"/> MD <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

I. Courses taken in Ethics:

At UNR: _____

Other Institution(s): _____

III. Career goals? _____

IV. How did you hear about the programs? Student Ambassador Professor Adviser

Website University Catalog Brochure/Flyer Friend/Classmate

Other (describe) _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Academic Adviser _____ Date _____

HCE Chair Approval _____ Date _____

HEALTH CARE ETHICS

An Interdisciplinary Academic Program of the University of Nevada, Reno

Nevada Center for Ethics & Health Policy ■ School of Community Health Sciences

Scholars in AGing and Ethics (SAGE) Consortium

Bioethics Graduate Certificate

14-Credit Program in Health Care Ethics

Course List

	COURSE	COURSE TITLE	
CORE COURSES:	HCE 701	Foundations of Bioethics	3
	HCE 702	Legal and Ethical Issues in Bioethics	3
	HCE 780	Clinical Ethics	2
ELECTIVES*:	HCE 651	HCE Diverse Societies	3
	HCE 670	Religious Perspectives	3
	HCE 691	Independent Studies	1-3
	HDFS 637	Death and Dying: Family and Lifespan Perspectives	3
	PHIL 650	Ethical Theory	3
	CHS 645	Human Values and Professional Ethics	3
	CHS 647	Health Ethics and Humanities	3
	CHS 747	Health Care Ethics in Religious Traditions	3
	CHS 785	Public Health Ethics	3

*Additional courses may be applied upon chair approval of course syllabus.

** Some classes available online.

Health Care Ethics
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Health Policy



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Bioethics Graduate Certificate

Program in Health Care Ethics

Course Descriptions

Core Courses:

HCE 701- Foundations of Bioethics (3 credits): Examines the moral and ethical foundations of bioethics through critical thinking and writing. Applies theories of modern bioethics to contemporary issues in health care.

HCE 702 - Legal and Ethical Issues in Bioethics (3 credits): Legal and ethical issues relevant to local and national health care professionals and consumers, including cultural, legal, ethical research and practical issues.

Prerequisite: HCE 701

HCE 780 - Clinical Ethics (2 credits): Students pursuing the graduate certificate in bioethics learn the skills of clinical ethics consultation as part of a supervised field experience. Prerequisite: HCE 701 or HCE 702.

Electives:

HCE 651- Health Care in Diverse Societies (3 credits): Examines bioethical issues associated with transcultural healthcare.

HCE 670 - Religious Perspectives (3 credits): Examines health, healing and ethics from the perspective of various religious traditions.

HCE 691 – Independent Study in Health Care Ethics (1-3 credits): Opportunity for students to master areas of knowledge in health care ethics through independent organization and assimilation of material under the guidance of faculty advisors.

HDFS 637 – Death and Dying: Family and Lifespan Perspectives (3 credits): Overview of death and dying. Coping and adaptation as an individual and family experience from prenatal development throughout adulthood. Emphasis on both personal and professional applications in human development and family studies, psychology or sociology.

PHIL 650 – Ethical Theory (3 credits): Branch of ethics that concerns morality. Topics include: maximizing good, constraints on the pursuit of good, self versus society, rules versus judgment, moral conflict, beyond morality. Prerequisite: 6 credits in philosophy.

CHS 645 – Human Values and Professional Ethics (3 credits): Focus on value systems and major ethical issues in society and health care such as confidentiality, truth-telling, and codes of professional behavior.

CHS 647 – Health Ethics and the Humanities (3 credits): Explores ethical health care concepts through the use of poetry, literature, film, and art.

CHS 747 – Health Care Ethics in Religious Tradition (3 credits): Examines ethical issues of medicine and health care in various religious traditions including Buddhism, Catholicism, Hinduism, Islam and Protestantism.

CHS 785 – Public Health Ethics (3 credits): Interface of ethics of the individual and the community as it applies to the intelligent creation of public health policy.



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