DENTISTRY — D.D.S. WITH BIOETHICS — M.A.

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Faculty
The faculty for the combined degrees program in Bioethics with Dentistry is drawn from Loma Linda University’s School of Religion and School of Dentistry.

Admissions
Students are selected through a competitive process led by the School of Dentistry in conjunction with the Bioethics Program. The School of Dentistry academic dean and dean of students recommend students, triggering a streamlined admissions process to the M.A. degree in bioethics curriculum. DAT scores are accepted in lieu of the GRE for dental students.

The program
The combined degrees Bioethics with Dentistry Program is designed to fit the schedule of D.D.S. degree students. Ethics in dentistry is well-established at Loma Linda University. Loma Linda University’s School of Dentistry is one of a select few dental schools in the nation known for expertise in ethical issues.

An M.A. degree in bioethics taken as a stand-alone degree requires 48 units. However, the M.A./D.D.S. combined degrees reduce the total units required by 12 units in the following manner:

1. The 8 units earned from the following four 2-unit courses in the dental curriculum can be counted for credit toward the M.A. degree in bioethics: a) RELR 717 Diversity and the Christian Health Professional, b) DNES 794 Public Health Dentistry, c) RELR 715 Christian Dentist in Community, and d) DNES 851 The Dentist and the Law. In order for these 8 units to be counted toward the M.A. degree, the student must submit a supplemental eight-page paper that integrates the content of these four courses and relates the content to bioethics. These four courses have sufficiently similar content to bioethics that they warrant being applied to both the D.D.S. and the M.A. degree in bioethics, once the supplemental paper is approved.

2. Four (4) units come from the deletion of RELE 734 Christian Ethics for Dentists from the combined degrees student’s curriculum because its content is substantively duplicated in the Bioethics Program; and the deletion of a 2-unit religion selective from the dental curriculum, which will now be taken in the bioethics selectives.

M.A. degree requirements
The following courses from the D.D.S. curriculum will be counted double for the M.A. degree in bioethics once the supplemental papers, noted above, are approved.

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A model curriculum of bioethics course work taken throughout the four years of the dentistry program

First Year
Winter Quarter
RELE 588 Explorers of the Moral Life 3

Second Year
Spring Quarter
RELE 566 Heroes of Health Care 3

Third Year
Summer Quarter
RELE 554 Clinical Ethics Practicum I 4

Autumn Quarter
RELE 564 Ethics and Health Disparities 3

Winter Quarter
RELE 557 World Religions and Bioethics 3

Fourth Year
Summer Quarter
RELE 558 Bioethics and the Law 3
RELE 589 Biblical Ethics 3

Winter Quarter
RELE 598 Master’s Seminar I 3

Spring Quarter
RELE 599 Master’s Seminar II 2
RELE 565 The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Moral Aspects of Art and Illness 3

Total Units: 34