

PHARMACY – PHARM.D. WITH BIOETHICS – M.A.

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Faculty

The faculty of the M.A./Pharm.D. combined degrees program is primarily drawn from Loma Linda University's School of Pharmacy and School of Religion.

Admissions

Students are selected through a competitive process led by the School of Pharmacy in conjunction with the Bioethics Program. The School of Pharmacy academic dean recommends students, triggering a streamlined admissions process of the M.A. degree in bioethics. HSRT scores are accepted in lieu of the GRE for pharmacy students.

The program

The M.A./Pharm.D. combined degrees program is designed to fit the schedule of Pharm.D. students. Loma Linda University has been a leader in bioethics education for health-care professionals for nearly half a century. The School of Pharmacy places a high premium on moral values and is a pioneer as one of the very few pharmacy schools in the nation to offer a Pharm.D./M.A. combined degrees program.

An M.A. degree in bioethics taken as a stand-alone degree requires 48 units in bioethics courses. However, the M.A./Pharm.D. combined degrees allows students to double count 25 units of the required 48 units as follows:

1. Eight (8) units come from three courses in the pharmacy curriculum that are counted for M.A. degree in bioethics credit: a) RXSA 555 Epidemiology and Public Health, b) RXSA 547 Pharmacy Law, and c) RXSA 751 Social-Behavioral Aspects of Pharmacy Practice. Acceptance of these courses for M.A. degree credit requires an integrative, supplemental eight-page paper that relates the courses' content to bioethics.
2. Eight (8) units come from the substitution of three School of Religion courses in the Pharm.D. curriculum with courses in the Bioethics Program because content is duplicated.
3. Nine (9) units of additional credit come from three electives in bioethics taken by Pharm.D. students.

M.A. degree requirements

School of Pharmacy courses that apply to the M.A. degree in bioethics

RXSA 555	Epidemiology and Public Health	3
RXSA 547	Pharmacy Law	2
RXSA 751	Social-Behavioral Aspects of Pharmacy Practice	3
Total Units		8

A model curriculum of bioethics coursework taken throughout the four years of the pharmacy curriculum

First Year

Spring Quarter

RELE 567	World Religions and Bioethics	3
RELE 565	Aesthetics and Ethics	3

Second Year

Summer Quarter

RELE 524	Bioethics and Society	3
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Autumn Quarter

RELE 588	Philosophical Ethics	3
RELE 545	Bioethics Case Conference I	1

Winter Quarter

RELE 568	Bioethics and the Law	3
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Spring Quarter

RELE 515	Faith and Flourishing	3
RELE 566	History of Health-Care Ethics	3

Third Year

Summer Quarter

RELE 589	Biblical Ethics	3
RELG 510	Christian Service	1

Autumn Quarter

RELE 554	Clinical Ethics Practicum I	3
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Winter Quarter

RELE 598	Master's Seminar I	3
RELE 555	Clinical Ethics Practicum II	3

Spring Quarter

RELE 599	Master's Seminar II	2
RELE 556	Clinical Practicum III	3

Total Units:		40
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