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 University’s 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. But the M.A./Pharm.D. combined degrees student is able to double count 25 units of the needed 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 545 Public Health and Lifestyles, 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 their 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

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

First Year

Spring Quarter