

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 Schools of Religion and Dentistry.

Admissions

Students are selected through a competitive process led by the School of Dentistry in conjunction with the School of Dentistry's Bioethics Program. Selection is based upon the recommendation of the School of Dentistry's academic dean and dean of students as well as standard admission criteria for the M.A. degree in bioethics.

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 and its 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, two-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, c) RELR 715 Christian Dentist in Community, and d) DNES 851. In order for these eight 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. In addition, 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 two-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.

DNES 794		2
DNES 851		2
RELR 715	Christian Dentist in Community	2
RELR 717	Diversity and the Christian Health Professional	2
Total Units		8

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

First Year

Winter Quarter

RELE 545	Bioethics Case Conference I	1
RELG 510	Christian Service	1

Second Year

Spring Quarter

RELE 566	History of Health-Care Ethics	3
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Third Year

Summer Quarter

RELE 524	Bioethics and Society	3
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Autumn Quarter

RELE 564	Ethics and Health Disparities	3
RELE 554	Clinical Ethics Practicum I	3

Winter Quarter

RELE 555	Clinical Ethics Practicum II	3
RELE 568	Bioethics and the Law	3

Spring Quarter

RELE 567	World Religions and Bioethics	3
RELE 556	Clinical Practicum III	3

Fourth Year

Summer Quarter

RELE 589	Biblical Ethics	3
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Winter Quarter

RELE 598	Master's Seminar I	3
RELE 556	Clinical Practicum III	3

Spring Quarter

RELE 599	Master's Seminar II	2
RELE 565	Aesthetics and Ethics	3

Total Units: 40

¹ To be taken concurrently with RELE 524 Bioethics and Society. Contact program director for details.