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 Public Health Dentistry, c) RELR 715 Christian Dentist in Community, and d) DNES 851 The Dentist and the Law. 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 RELR 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.

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

First Year
Winter Quarter
- REL 545 Bioethics Case Conference I 1
- RELG 510 Christian Service 1

Second Year
Spring Quarter
- REL 566 History of Health-Care Ethics 3

Third Year
Summer Quarter
- REL 524 Bioethics and Society 3

Autumn Quarter
- REL 564 Ethics and Health Disparities 3
- REL 554 Clinical Ethics Practicum I 3

Winter Quarter
- REL 555 Clinical Ethics Practicum II 3
- REL 568 Bioethics and the Law 3

Spring Quarter
- REL 567 World Religions and Bioethics 3
- REL 556 Clinical Practicum III 3

Fourth Year
Summer Quarter
- REL 589 Biblical Ethics 3

Winter Quarter
- REL 598 Master’s Seminar I 3
- REL 556 Clinical Practicum III 3

Spring Quarter
- REL 599 Master’s Seminar II 2
- REL 565 Aesthetics and Ethics 3

Total Units: 40

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