

# MEDICAL HUMANITIES AND BIOETHICS CERTIFICATE

The following requirements are in addition to, or further elaborate upon, those requirements outlined in The Graduate School Policy Guide (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/>).

## Certificate

**Total Units Required: 8**

The Certificate in Medical Humanities and Bioethics works in concert with the Master’s in Medical Humanities and Bioethics program, drawing on that program’s well-established array of interdisciplinary courses. Both programs expose students to the key conceptual approaches and methodological tools that each of the field’s core disciplines contributes to addressing problems in medicine. These core disciplines include: Bioethics/Philosophy, Law, History, Literature, and Anthropology, and our required coursework covers each of these fields in turn in its engagement with medicine.

This interdisciplinary training in Medical Humanities and Bioethics is particularly beneficial to students interested in building upon a primary area of expertise such as medicine, law, genetic counseling, and other related fields. Students receive training relevant to a variety of clinical, academic, and industry career paths, preparing students to take on roles such as serving on hospital ethics committees and institutional review boards, as well as engaging in education, scholarship, policy, and advocacy work on medicine and ethics.

The Certificate in Medical Humanities & Bioethics differs from the Master of Arts in Medical Humanities & Bioethics only in that it does not require a capstone project. All students enter on the MA track and if they ultimately opt not to complete the capstone project or fail to do so, they then transfer to the Certificate track.

## Course Requirements:

The Certificate requirements are satisfactory completion of the Medical Humanities and Bioethics core coursework, which include:

Course	Title
MHB 401-0	Foundations of Bioethics
MHB 402-0	Law, Medicine, and Bioethics
MHB 403-0	The History of Medicine
MHB 404-0	Literature, Medicine, and Bioethics
MHB 405-0	Anthropology and Medicine
MHB 406-0	The Practice of Medical Humanities and Bioethics
MHB 410-0	Special Topics in Medical Humanities and Bioethics (0.5 units; taken four times)
MHB 499-0	Independent Study (0.5 units; taken twice; each referred to as a “tutorial”)