

Doctor of Pharmacy Program

Students enrolled in the first professional year of the Doctor of Pharmacy Program are considered to be undergraduates. Students in the first professional year of the program who carry a minimum semester load of 17 graded hours and who earn a minimum grade point average of 3.800 are placed on the Dean's List.

RUECKERT-HARTMAN COLLEGE FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS NON-DEGREE OFFERINGS

HEALTH CARE ETHICS

Health care ethics is an integral component of an education within the Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions. The Department of Health Care Ethics and the Center for Ethics and Leadership in the Health Professions are dedicated to the mission of fostering moral awareness and ethical action in health care practice and leadership. The mission is accomplished through rigorous academic courses, faculty research and scholarship, and outreach services to the local health care community. Members of the Department, faculty, and scholars of the Center are knowledgeable in clinical and organizational ethics, as well as health care public policy, with special attention to the Catholic moral tradition and conceptions of Catholic social justice.

Drawing on the larger mission and values of the Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions and the heart of our Jesuit heritage, the work of the Department of Health Care Ethics promotes deep individual reflection and an informed civil discourse based on the following core values:

- Respect for the life and dignity of the human person
- Intellectual rigor and humility in the face of complex issues
- Responsibility of the individual to act with an informed conscience
- Commitment to the common good, with particular care for those who are poor and marginalized.

Our core values guide the education we provide in preparing health professionals for the ethical challenges they will face. Learners and facilitators are thereby encouraged to develop an informed understanding of their own moral foundations in an atmosphere of mutual support and encouragement, honoring the Regis University commitment to the question "How ought we to live?"

The truly important ethical issues in today's health care are as likely to arise in the boardroom as the clinic. Professionals in the health care industry are faced with a range of complex issues and ethical dilemmas related to specific clinical situations, the conduct of health care organizations, and the demands of a professional role.

Courses at both the graduate and undergraduate levels present a variety of classical and contemporary ethical perspectives along with models for ethical decision-making. Students explore a wide range of contemporary issues in bioethics, including those occurring at the beginning and end of life, dilemmas in everyday practice, and the many questions surrounding emerging health care technologies. They also consider ethical dilemmas that organizations often face including conflict of interest and public accountability. Finally, students consider many of the challenges inherent in the health care policy arena including issues of social justice and the realities of limited health care resources. Students develop an enhanced sensitivity to the role of social, cultural, and faith-based influences in the delivery of health care.

Guided by the same core values, the Center for Ethics and Leadership in the Health Professions provides outreach to the Rocky Mountain health care community in the form of consultative services, education, research, and other collaborative activities. With a focus on the future, the Center is deeply committed to scholarship that promotes the moral reflection and leadership needed to create health care systems that are able to meet the dilemmas of a diverse society, scarce resources, emerging technologies, and mounting global health challenges.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS (HCE)

Undergraduate

HCE 430/430H/430R. HEALTH CARE ETHICS (3). Examines ethical dilemmas in health care and the decision making processes involved in clinical, professional and organizational ethics. Explores philosophical and faith-based foundations including Catholic moral tradition, socio-cultural influences, professional codes, organizational and personal ethical norms. Case studies and topics are analyzed to develop competence in moral reflection and ethical decision making with consideration of personal, professional and societal values. NOTE: HCE 430H is for HCA and HIM students only. HCE 430R is for RN-BSN students only.

HCE 442. ETHICS AND ADVOCACY IN PHARMACY (3). Examines ethical/moral reasoning in health care. Emphasizes pharmacy practice and leadership. Explores philosophical, faith-based foundations including Catholic moral tradition, socio-cultural influences, professional codes, organizational and personal ethical norms. Analyzes ethical dilemmas/practices using ethical theory, moral argument, cases studies. NOTE: Majors Only.

HCE 445. ETHICS AND HEALTH (3). Examines ethical issues in the promotion of human health. Topics include bioethical issues across the lifespan as well as contemporary challenges related to community health, health policy, health research, emerging technologies and global health.

Graduate

HCE 600. ORGANIZATIONAL ETHICS AND HEALTH CARE COMPLIANCE (3). Addresses advanced concepts in organizational ethics and health care compliance including the dynamics of personal and professional values in relation to organizational behavior, and the integration of mission, organizational ethics and corporate regulatory compliance. Explores contemporary ethical issues in organizational ethics and health care compliance through applied case presentation, theory-based ethical analysis and ethical decision making in both individual and group contexts.

HCE 604. ETHICS FOR NURSE LEADERS (3). Examines ethical and moral reasoning relevant to professional nursing practice and health care delivery in today's society. Explores philosophical and faith-based foundations, including Catholic moral tradition, socio-cultural influences, professional codes, organizational and personal ethical norms. Ethical issues are examined with emphasis on advanced practice nursing, leadership roles and models of health care delivery. Introduces skills in analyzing ethical dilemmas and evaluating ethical practice using ethical theory, moral argument, and case studies.

HCE 650. MANAGING PATIENT SAFETY AND ORGANIZATIONAL RISK (3). Examines practical and ethical dimensions of patient care and organizational leadership within the context of patient safety and risk management. Introduces applicable concepts and tools in risk management and quality improvement. Topics include allocation of scarce resources, medical errors, vulnerable populations, informed consent, medical research, and disaster and emergency preparedness. The graduate component extends foundational knowledge through additional readings, case analysis, and/or applied project work. Cross listing: HCE 450.

HCE 709. HEALTH CARE ETHICS FOR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (3). Examines ethical and moral reasoning processes in health care. Explores philosophical and faith-based foundations, including Catholic moral tradition, socio-cultural influences, professional codes, organizational and personal ethical norms. Ethical issues are examined with emphasis on leadership and the practice of physical therapy. Students analyze ethical dilemmas and evaluate ethical practice using ethical theory, moral argument, and case studies.

HCE 709A. HEALTH CARE ETHICS FOR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (2). Examines ethical and moral reasoning processes in health care. Philosophical and faith-based foundations, including Catholic moral tradition, socio-cultural influences, professional codes, organizational and personal ethical norms are explored. Ethical issues are examined with emphasis on leadership and the practice of physical therapy. Students will analyze ethical dilemmas and evaluate ethical practice using ethical theory, moral argument, and case studies.

HCE 709B. HEALTH CARE ETHICS FOR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (1). Examines ethical and moral reasoning processes in health care. Philosophical and faith-based foundations, including Catholic moral tradition, socio-cultural influences, professional codes, organizational and personal ethical norms are explored. Ethical issues are examined with emphasis on leadership and the practice of physical therapy. Students will analyze ethical dilemmas and evaluate ethical practice using ethical theory, moral argument, and case studies. Prerequisite: HCE 709A. Co-requisite: DPT 751.

HCE 709T. LEADERSHIP AND ETHICS FOR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (3). Examines ethical and moral reasoning processes in health care. Explores philosophical and faith-based foundations, including Catholic moral tradition, socio-cultural influences, professional codes, organizational and personal ethical norms. Ethical issues are examined with emphasis on leadership and the practice of physical therapy. Students analyze ethical dilemmas and evaluate ethical practice using ethical theory, moral argument, and case studies.

DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

The Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration (HCA) is offered through the Division of Health Services Administration.

The HCA Program combines liberal arts and an extensive professional core emphasizing the development of management and leadership skills for application in a variety of health care settings. The unique multi-disciplinary design of the curriculum places HCA students together with students from other health care disciplines in a combined classroom setting.

Health Care Administration offers a wide array of professional opportunities in many different health care settings including hospitals, clinics, managed care providers, long-term care facilities, insurance companies, commercial vendors, and government agencies.

ADMISSION

1. Students must submit an application to the program and pay the application fee. The application fee is waived for students accepted in transfer from Regis College or the College for Professional Studies.
2. All applicants must complete a written essay as part of the application process. The essay addresses the applicant's reasons for choosing this degree and Regis University and is evaluated for evidence of satisfactory writing skills.
3. The applicant must submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
4. Transfer students must have a minimum 2.500 cumulative grade point average. Students who do not meet this criterion may petition for special admission.