The Department of Bioethics & Humanities (B&H) comprises a multi-disciplinary core faculty who along with 42 adjunct and affiliate, collaborate in activities of the Department. We offer a broad range of expertise in clinical ethics, research ethics, empirical research, and the humanities.

**Education**

**Masters of Arts in Bioethics:** Our flexible 2-year program provides students with the foundational knowledge, skills, and experience to enrich their careers and broaden their competency in bioethics. The program offers training in research and clinical aspects of bioethics as well as empirical and normative methods of analysis. Students have the opportunity to study with diverse and well-respected faculty from the UW, the Treuman Katz Pediatric Bioethics Center, and the Seattle Veteran’s Health Administration. The program helps prepare students to teach, publish, and conduct research that incorporates bioethical analysis.

**Undergraduate Minor:** The Minor serves undergraduate students who are pursuing careers in the health sciences and health professions. Courses address ethical issues in the practice of health care and the conduct of health sciences research. Students gain an appreciation of the history, philosophy and culture of medicine.

**Medical Students:** Faculty offer medical student training in clinical ethics and professionalism on the University of Washington campus and throughout the WWAMI region (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho) served by the University of Washington School of Medicine.

**Medical Residents:** Faculty teach an ethics curriculum to medical residents and fellows that provides foundational case-based training in clinical ethics and professionalism.

**Research Ethics Training:** The department coordinates required training in the responsible conduct of research for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows through the Department’s Biomedical Research Integrity (BRI) lecture series and discussion groups.

**Summer Seminar in Health Care Ethics:** Core and adjunct faculty collaborate to offer an annual one-week program. This program, now in its 26th year, provides participants an intensive, interactive introduction to case analysis of ethical problems in clinical practice. The seminar fosters practical skills and instruction to assist with bioethical issues that arise in clinical practice. It prepares participants to address clinical ethics concerns, and to assume leadership roles in clinical settings.

**Research and Collaboration**

The Department has a robust track record of excellence in bioethics research and medical humanities scholarship. Current projects address the ethical and policy implications of genetics, health disparities, informed consent, medical error, end of life care, justice in health care, clinical & organizational ethics, and a range of historical issues pertaining to medicine and health.

The Department is home to the Center for Genomics and Healthcare Equality (CGHE), an NIH-funded Center of Excellence in ELSI Research. The Center addresses the ethical, legal and social factors that influence the translation of genetic information to improved human health. It promotes interdisciplinary work to evaluate the clinical integration of genomic information and technologies, and the role of genetic technologies in improving health outcomes and influencing healthcare equity.

In addition, faculty members are active in collaborative efforts at the University including the UWMC Ethics Advisory Committee, the Institute for Translational Health Sciences, the Institute for Public Health Genetics (IPHG), and the Program on Values in Society.

**Additional partnerships and collaborations**

Treuman Katz Center for Pediatric Bioethics (Seattle Children’s)
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (FHCRC)
Seattle Cancer Care Alliance (SCCA)
National Center for Ethics in Health Care (Veterans Health Admin)
Group Health Center for Health Studies
Western Institutional Review Board (WIRB)

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