Requirements & Prerequisites: Our flexible 2-year, in-residence 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 University of Washington, 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.

Application Process: Qualified candidates include:

1. Practicing clinicians, biomedical scientists, health lawyers, post-doctoral fellows, physicians accepted into a University of Washington Clinical Fellowship Program or the Treuman Katz Pediatric Bioethics Fellowship Program, or
2. Students currently enrolled in professional degree programs at the University of Washington (i.e. Law, Nursing, or Medicine).

For candidates pursuing a dual degree at the University of Washington (e.g. JD or MD in addition to the MA in Bioethics) or a clinical fellowship, acceptance in the MA program will be contingent upon acceptance into the other degree program or fellowship.

Opportunities for in-depth study on a topic of interest are available through elective courses, mentored research, and practicum experiences.

Candidates should possess strong writing, critical thinking and verbal communication skills. GRE scores are not required.

All applicants must:
1) have a baccalaureate degree;
2) provide transcripts for all degrees earned;
3) submit an essay on a current topic in bioethics (see instructions);
4) submit a statement of purpose (see instructions) and
5) provide 3 letters of recommendation. At least one letter of recommendation should be from the training program s/he most recently completed (e.g., a fellow applying to this program should provide a letter of recommendation from a residency director/supervisor).

GRE scores are NOT required.

We encourage all prospective applicants to email Dr. Nancy Jecker, Director of Graduate Studies, at direktor@uw.edu before applying.

For further information about our program, please email gradprog@u.washington.edu. All application materials, including transcripts must be received by the Department of Bioethics and Humanities by the application deadline, January 15th.