



Medical Humanities.

OVERVIEW

The Master's program in Medical Humanities prepares students to achieve a variety of goals in both the humanities and healthcare fields. Whether you are a clinician or a humanities professional – or you are entry-level or have years of experience – this program will provide you with skills you can use in your career and life.

The Medical Humanities program teaches students to apply humanities methods and materials such as history, visual arts, ethics and narratives to healthcare issues and medical practices. Clinicians will learn to create better relationships by attending to the social, cultural and spiritual needs of patients. Humanities professionals and scholars will be able to integrate aspects of medicine into their work.

CURRICULUM

- The Medical Humanities MS program consists of 32 credit hours and can be completed in one year of full-time study. Part-time options are available.
- Students will complete a capstone project in which they apply knowledge from the humanities disciplines to a question or issue in contemporary health care.
- Students will use real cases to examine the principles of clinical ethics. Specific topics include informed consent, organ transplantation and death and dying.
- Classroom discussions will emphasize key philosophical, historical, clinical and cultural issues in Western medicine. Students will apply skills and concepts learned to contemporary issues in health care.

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PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The MS program in Medical Humanities prepares students to:

- Position yourself for successful application to continuing education programs, such as PhD graduate training, medical school and other professional programs.
- Work collaboratively with patients, families, and interprofessional teams.
- Integrate aspects of medicine into your academic work.
- Develop new skills and perspectives to improve your clinical practice.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Candidates for admission to the program must have earned a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent.

The Master's program in Medical Humanities is intended for:

- **Healthcare professionals** – Develop new skills and perspectives to improve your practice.
- **Humanities professionals** – Integrate aspects of medicine into your academic work.
- **Gap year students in sciences, humanities and the arts** – Choose a non-traditional MS program to build your resume.

Application Deadlines

- › March 1st for fall admission (with an application fee waiver)
- › May 1st for fall admission



ADMISSION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Online application.
- ☐ Personal statement addressing your reasons for pursuing a Master's Degree in Medical Humanities, and how you see this degree program enhancing your personal, intellectual and professional growth.
- ☐ Transcripts from all previous college and graduate programs attended (can be unofficial transcripts).
- ☐ GRE and MCAT scores (optional).
- ☐ Three letters of recommendation from former instructors or employers.
- ☐ One writing sample. This sample can be academic, narrative or creative writing.
We encourage applicants to include other samples of their work (e.g., visual arts, poetry, digital media, etc.) that supports their statement of purpose and demonstrates their work in the humanities.
- ☐ \$60 application fee.



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