

Health Care Ethics

MOR-D570-01

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3 credits

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Course Description: This course explores issues in contemporary health care ethics with particular emphasis on the perspective of the Catholic moral tradition. Issues to be considered include the nature of the patient-professional relationship; issues at the beginning and end of life; issues raised by advancing medical technologies; issues of access to and allocation of health care resources; research and the use of human subjects; organ and tissue transplantation; reproductive technologies.

Objectives: Students will ...

- Gain a basic knowledge of some of the most important ethical issues in health care today;
- Understand Catholic teaching on these issues;
- Grapple with approaches to the issues from perspectives that challenge Catholic teaching.

Required Texts:

Ashley, Benedict M. O.P., Jean deBlois, C.S.J. and Kevin D. O'Rourke, O.P. *Health Care Ethics: A Catholic Theological Analysis*. Fifth Edition. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2006.

Boyle, Philip and Kevin D. O'Rourke, O.P. *Medical Ethics: Sources of Catholic Teachings*. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2011.