

MEMORANDUM

TO: Amy Nielsen, Executive Secretary
Faculty Senate

FROM: Becky Bitter, Registrar's Office

FOR: Professional Health Sciences Committee

DATE: 17 October 2019

SUBJECT: Proposal to Establish a Certificate in Medical Ethics

At its meeting on October 16, 2019, PHSC reviewed and approved a proposal from the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine to establish a Certificate in Medical Ethics.

The following were noted:

- The certificate approval is dependent upon the approval of MED ETH 500, 510, 530, and 540 which are presented on PHSC Bulletin No. 1.
- The certificate will be offered on the Spokane campus only.

The Catalog Subcommittee has also reviewed and approved this proposal.

At this time, Faculty Senate review and approval is recommended, to be effective fall 2020.

From: noreply@wsu.edu
To: [curriculum.submit](#)
Subject: 009 504350 Medical Education and Clinical Sciences Requirements New : Add Professional Certificate
Date: Thursday, March 28, 2019 7:29:54 AM
Attachments: [2019.03.28.07.29.49.42.FormData.html](#)
[2019.03.28.07.29.47.08.currentCatalogFile_Rationales.docx](#)

Mary Ann Clemens has submitted a request for a major curricular change. His/her email address is: maryann.clemens@wsu.edu.

Request (from selection dropdown): Add Professional Certificate

Department: Medical Education and Clinical Sciences

New Professional Certificate: Bioethics/Medical Ethics **CSC Note:** **Title:** Medical Ethics Certificate

CIP Code: 51.3201

Requested Effective Date: Fall 2019 **CSC Note:** New effective date Fall 2020

Campus:

Dean: Tomkowiak, John - Dean - Medicine

Chair: Tomkowiak, John

Catalog Subcommittee
Approval Date

AAC, PHSC, or GSC
Approval Date

Faculty Senate
Approval Date

From: [Tomkowiak, John M](#)
To: [curriculum.submit](#)
Subject: Re: 900 504350 Medical Education and Clinical Sciences Requirements New : Add Professional Certificate
Date: Friday, March 29, 2019 9:34:43 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: "curriculum.submit@wsu.edu" <curriculum.submit@wsu.edu>
Date: Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 7:29 AM
To: "Tomkowiak, John M" <john.tomkowiak@wsu.edu>, "Tomkowiak, John M" <john.tomkowiak@wsu.edu>
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Both Chair and Dean approval is required to complete the submission process. Please indicate that you have reviewed the proposal by highlighting one of the statements below and **reply all** to this email. (curriculum.submit@wsu.edu.) [Details of major change requested can be found in the attached supplemental

documentation]

1. I approve this proposal in its current form.

2. I approve this proposal with revisions. Revisions are attached.

3. I do not approve this proposal. Please return to submitter.

If you do not respond within one week, you will be sent a reminder email. If no response is received within three weeks of the submission date, the proposal will be returned to the submitter.

Thank you for your assistance as we embark on this new process. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know wsu.curriculum@wsu.edu.

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Note: Please use the attachments to this email rather than the link below to view the supporting documentation.

The Certificate in Medical Ethics, in the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine, is designed to prepare medical clinicians and ethics committee members to perform competent clinical ethics case consultation in a hospital, long-term care or clinic setting. The Certificate consists of twelve credit hours divided between four courses, which are meant to be taken in sets of two concurrent 3-credit hour courses over one academic year. One course per concurrent set is taken entirely on-line, and the second is a seminar-style course taken both on-line and through live interactive discussion either in-person or via web-conferencing. Fall semester courses consist of **MED ETH 500 Conceptual Foundations of Bioethics** and **MED ETH 510 Seminar in Conceptual Foundations of Bioethics**. These courses take students through basic tools of moral reasoning, including basic concepts in logic (fallacies, validity and soundness, etc.); descriptive and normative reasoning, positive and negative rights, basic approaches to morality (deontology and consequentialism, pluralism, etc.) and definitions of equality, and justice. Spring Semester courses consist of **MED ETH 530 The Practice of Clinical Ethics** and **MED ETH 540 Seminar in Clinical Ethics: Methods, Process, Skills & Traits**. These courses delve into the practical aspects of case analysis and the practice of ethics consultation in the clinical setting, with particular focus on the traditional range of topics in this emerging field of study (informed consent; surrogate decision making; professional rights of conscience; concepts of welfare and quality of life, etc.). During the seminar portion of this concurrent set of courses, students are taught the basic tools of chart writing, information gathering, and conflict resolution techniques essential to the conduct of ethics case consultation in a clinical setting.