

### Program Description

Students are selected through a competitive process led by the School of Pharmacy in conjunction with the Bioethics Program. The School of Pharmacy academic dean recommends students, triggering a streamlined admissions process of the M.A. degree in bioethics. HSRT scores are accepted in lieu of the GRE for pharmacy students.

### Program Length

### Possible Careers

Graduates may work in community pharmacies, ambulatory care, long-term care, and in clinical or hospital settings. In addition they may practice in the pharmaceutical, insurance, law, home health, nuclear medicine, public health, and education arenas. Pharmacists serve as educators to other health care professionals and as disease prevention and health care advisors to patients.

### Admissions Requirements

An M.A. degree in bioethics taken as a stand-alone degree requires 48 units in bioethics courses. But the M.A./Pharm.D. combined degrees student is able to double count 25 units of the needed 48 units as follow:

1. Eight (8) units come from three courses in the pharmacy curriculum that are counted for M.A. degree in bioethics credit: a) [RXSA 555](#) Epidemiology and Public Health, b) [RXSA 547](#) Pharmacy Law, and c) [RXSA 751](#) Social-Behavioral Aspects of Pharmacy Practice. Acceptance of these courses for M.A. degree credit requires an integrative, supplemental eight-page paper that relates the courses' content to bioethics.
2. Eight (8) units come from the substitution of three School of Religion courses in the Pharm.D. curriculum with courses in the Bioethics Program because their content is duplicated.
3. Nine (9) units of additional credit come from three electives in bioethics taken by Pharm.D. students.