

**Graduate Certificate in Bioethics**  
**Graduate School of Arts and Sciences**  
**Wake Forest University**

**Goals and Rationale**

The Graduate Certificate in Bioethics provides an educational opportunity at the graduate level for current and future professionals and others throughout the country interested in bioethics, including health care providers, researchers in biomedicine and the life sciences, lawyers, and professionals in religion, health and research administration, and the biotechnology industry.

The Graduate Certificate in Bioethics is a freestanding program of graduate study in which students attend the same classes as students in the Master of Arts in Bioethics graduate program. It is offered to increase the flexibility and attractiveness of graduate study in bioethics, particularly to working professionals who wish to add bioethics knowledge to their professional practice.

**Structure**

The Graduate Certificate requires 12 hours of course work with an average grade of B or above. At least 9 hours must come from courses indicated below as “core courses.” There is no thesis requirement. All work must be completed within four years of the date of initial enrollment in the graduate program. Up to 3 hours of transfer credit may be considered in place of elective course work. Transfer credit acceptance is based on review and approval of grades, course syllabi, and other relevant information. Certificate students are able to complete the program in two semesters on a part-time basis.

**Admissions and Cost of Attendance**

Application procedures, including requirements and deadlines are identical to that of the Master of Arts in Bioethics with the exception that there is no standardized test requirement. You can find specific application information at

<http://www1.wfubmc.edu/bioethicsMA/Prospective+Students/Application+Procedures.htm>.

Tuition costs and financial aid procedures are also identical to that of the MA program. These are described in detail at

<http://www1.wfubmc.edu/bioethicsMA/Prospective+Students/Tuition+and+Financial+Aid.htm>.

Students wishing to change from the Graduate Certificate to the Master of Arts will be expected to qualify for and apply to move into the Master of Arts degree program. Successful completion of the Certificate program does not guarantee admission to the Master of Arts degree program.