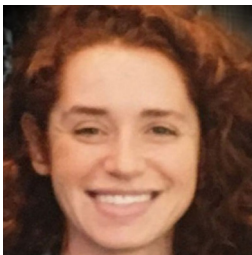# Interdisciplinary M.A. in
HEALTH CARE ETHICS

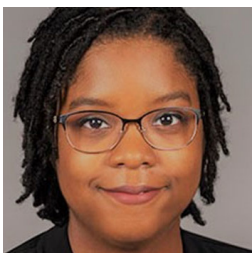## JUMP-START – OR REBOOT – YOUR CAREER!

Most people enter health professions to make a positive impact – to improve life for others. But how can we be confident that that's what we're doing? From well-intentioned overstepping to serious ethical lapses, the amazing history of modern medicine is also threaded with serious moral error. Careful, hands-on study of health justice, clinical ethics, and the impact of race, gender, class, sexuality, and culture on the quality of care provide both defense against moral error and positive ideals for individual leadership and institutional reform.

An M.A. in Health Care Ethics prepares you to make major contributions in whichever sector calls: from clinical care to health care administration, from insurance to business, from hospital chaplaincy and social work to health law and ethics committees or IRBs. Whatever you do, the M.A. in Health Care Ethics helps you do it better.

"The M.A. in Health Care Ethics gave me the leg up that I needed in order to get into several of the top health law programs in the country, with substantial scholarships. The skills and experiences that I developed in the program helped me to access professional and research opportunities within law schools. I am eager to incorporate what I learned from the program into my career as a health care lawyer."
~Maddie Clabough '19, Law & Medicine Fellow, Case Western Law School

"The MA has given me a unique perspective as I complete my medical education and has bolstered my application for future residency. This additional training has helped me secure opportunities to train as a neurologist in the top pediatric hospitals across the country. The professors are excellent and the wide variety of courses made me excited to learn and develop skills that will not only help me become a better member of society, but also a better physician who is able to navigate difficult ethical situations."
~Lyn Summay '20, MD

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CURRICULUM

Through a 7-course core sequence, students will be both broadly and deeply educated in health care ethics, from the history of the discipline to its current controversies, and from structural challenges of justice, equity, and discrimination to the bedside dilemmas of clinical ethics.

Elective courses can be taken from a long list of options in Pan-African Studies; Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; Anthropology; Law; Public Health; Social Work; and Sociology. Students with particular interests may work with their advisor to develop an individualized suite of electives that count toward the degree.

IN PERSON OR ONLINE

All core classes can be taken from distance using real-time video-conferencing. Distance Ed students don't just learn alone but participate in the classes with on-campus students.

DUAL DEGREE OPTIONS

- M.A. Healthcare Ethics/J.D.
- M.A. Healthcare Ethics/M.S. Social Work
- M.A. Healthcare Ethics/Ph.D. Humanities

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT

Graduates of our program have gone on to successful careers in:

- Medicine
- Health care law
- Healthcare Administration
- Nursing
- Hospital social work
- VA social work
- Chaplaincy
- Hospital Ethics Committees
- Institutional Review Boards

Graduates have also been successfully admitted into law school and medical school, as well as into Ph.D. programs in Nursing, Bioethics, Medical Humanities, Public Health, and Political Science.