

EVALUATION OF LIBRARY RESOURCES ESSENTIAL TO THE SUPPORT OF: Graduate Certificate in Health Care Ethics

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Background

University of Louisville (UofL) Libraries include:

- 1) Ekstrom Library serving humanities, social sciences, life sciences, business, engineering, physical sciences, and technology;
- 2) Kornhauser Health Sciences Library;
- 3) Anderson Music Library;
- 4) Bridwell Art Library;
- 5) Brandeis School of Law Library;
- 6) University Archives and Special Collections.

UofL's library system supports the teaching and research needs of more than 22,000 students and more than 7,000 faculty and staff. UofL belongs to the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), an organization of 126 North American library systems affiliated with large, comprehensive research institutions; the State-Assisted Academic Library Council of Kentucky (SAALCK); and the Kentuckiana Metroversity, a consortium of Louisville area libraries.

Ekstrom Library, Kornhauser Library, and the Law Library provide access to the resources most relevant to the proposed Graduate Certificate in Health Care Ethics (HCE). The HCE certificate requires 15 credit hours of coursework in Bioethics, with potential elective courses taught in Arts & Sciences, Social Work, Law, and other units. There are no new courses associated with the program.

This report provides a summary of library resources that support teaching and research in health care ethics, bioethics, and other pertinent fields. While the UofL library system is generally well-positioned to support the HCE certificate, the report also identifies e-books that could be purchased to enhance support for the proposed program.

Books

Data from the library catalog indicates that the UofL library system includes thousands of books on medical ethics and related topics in its collections, with many books available in electronic format. The table below shows the total number of books for selected Library of Congress subject terms, as well as the percentage in each area published in the last ten years. The HCE graduate certificate consists entirely of existing courses already supported by University Libraries. While the current book collection should be sufficient to meet research and teaching needs in general, we request additional funds to purchase new and recent e-books on health care

ethics, particularly in light of the growth in online and hybrid learning formats. Please see suggested titles at the end of this report.

LC Subject	Total # of Books	% Published 2010-2020
Ethics	12,703	25%
Morals	8,941	24%
Values	1,421	19%
Social Values	846	18%
Social Justice Ethics	175	27%
Business Ethics	1,240	42%
Applied Ethics	59	32%
Medical Ethics	1,349	24%
Nursing Ethics	67	42%
Bioethics	440	27%
Public Health—Moral and Ethical Aspects	78	40%

Periodicals

UofL Libraries has online full-text access to a broad range of scholarly journals focusing on ethics, with several titles that apply ethics to medicine and health care. This access includes the top ten highest impact-factor journals according to InCites Journal Citation Reports, as well as a number of other relevant journals. Key journals are listed in the table below.

Journal	Online Full-Text Holdings
<i>American Journal of Bioethics</i>	2001-present
<i>Bioethics</i>	1996-present
<i>BMC Medical Ethics</i>	2000-present
<i>Ethics</i>	1992-present
<i>Hastings Center Report</i>	1971-present
<i>Journal of Animal Ethics</i>	2011-present
<i>Journal of Ethics</i>	1997-present
<i>Journal of Medical Ethics</i>	1975-present
<i>Medicine, Health Care, and Philosophy</i>	1998-present
<i>NanoEthics</i>	2007-present
<i>Nursing Ethics</i>	1994-present

<i>Science and Engineering Ethics</i>	1987-present
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Online Databases

UofL Libraries subscribes to a large number of online databases that include bibliographic data and full text access to scholarly journals and other sources on ethics, philosophy, law, and medicine. All databases are accessible on and off campus. Key databases for health care ethics include the following:

- Access Medicine (medical textbooks, practice guidelines, etc.)
- CINAHL with Full Text (nursing scholarship)
- Clinical Key (point-of-care health resources)
- EBSCO Discovery for Health Sciences (health sciences library catalog)
- Hein Online (law reviews and legal sources)
- JSTOR (scholarship across disciplines)
- MEDLINE (health sciences scholarship)
- Philosopher's Index (philosophy and ethics scholarship)
- ScienceDirect (STEM scholarship)

Other Resources

University Libraries has created a number of [online research guides](#) relevant to the HCE certificate, including guides for philosophy, medicine, legal ethics, and more. Graduate students may also benefit from the [Productive Researcher Portal](#), which provides tools and strategies for comprehensive literature searches and other resources for advanced researchers. Ekstrom Library and Kornhauser Library also provide regular training in [EndNote](#) citation management software.

Research Assistance and Instruction

All libraries in the UofL system provide information literacy instruction and research assistance to meet the needs of students and faculty in face-to-face, online, and hybrid learning environments. Ekstrom Library has a librarian assigned to the Philosophy Department to provide assistance with research, collections, and information literacy instruction. Librarians at Kornhauser and the Law Library can provide specialized assistance in health care research and legal research respectively.

Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery

Interlibrary loan provides access to books and articles not held by UofL Libraries. Ekstrom Library and Kornhauser Library also offer document delivery, which allows patrons to request that library-owned articles or book chapters less than fifty pages, and within fair use guidelines, be scanned for electronic delivery. Ekstrom Library also has a Distance Learning Services Specialist who provides distance and online learners with access to print and electronic resources.

Conclusion

University Libraries already supports the courses that comprise the proposed Graduate Certificate in Health Care Ethics. While current collections and services should generally meet the needs of students and faculty in this program, we request funding in the amount of \$1,973.39 to purchase the following new and recent e-books, which would enhance online resources for graduate-level research in health care ethics.

E-books (published in 2020/2021):

- ETHICS AND ERROR IN MEDICINE \$155.00
- APPLIED LAW AND ETHICS FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS. \$127.43
- ETHICS IN HEALTH ADMINISTRATION: A PRACTICAL APPROACH FOR DECISION MAKERS. \$143.93
- SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS. \$175.00
- PUBLIC HEALTH PERSPECTIVES ON DISABILITY: SCIENCE, SOCIAL JUSTICE, ETHICS, AND BEYOND \$109.00
- PRINCIPLES OF NEW ETHICS IV: VIRTUE ETHICS. \$190.00
- VIRTUE ETHICS IN SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE. \$175.00
- TRUSTED DOCTOR : MEDICAL ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM;MEDICAL ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM. \$87.75
- TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE EDUCATION: APPLIED LESSONS LEADING TO DEEPER MORAL REFLECTION \$62.50
- ETHICS AND THE LAW IN MEDICINE - IN RESEARCH AND HEALTHCARE \$119.90
- DISPUTES IN BIOETHICS: ABORTION, EUTHANASIA, AND OTHER CONTROVERSIES. \$23.99
- PUBLIC BIOETHICS: PRINCIPLES AND PROBLEMS. \$199.80
- ETHICS OF CARE: THE STATE OF THE ART \$103.00
- CARE ETHICS AND PHENOMENOLOGY: A CONTESTED KINSHIP \$93.00
- HEALTH CARE ETHICS THROUGH THE LENS OF MORAL DISTRESS \$59.99
- MEDICAL ETHICS: ACCOUNTS OF GROUND-BREAKING CASES. \$268.00