

# HEALTHCARE MISSION LEADERSHIP (DHCML)

As the position of mission leadership has evolved over the past three decades, leaders working in Catholic healthcare cite an increasing need for well-prepared executives with deep understanding of Catholic theology, bioethics, practical business acumen, and organizational leadership who can function in an executive capacity to guide increasingly complex organizations.

Our interdisciplinary online Doctorate in Healthcare Mission Leadership builds on the MA in Healthcare Mission Leadership and provides a professional, doctoral-level preparation for individuals who hold or will hold positions of senior leadership within Catholic healthcare organizations.

## Related Programs

### Master's

- Healthcare Mission Leadership (MA) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/graduate-school/health-sciences/neiswanger-institute-bioethics/healthcare-mission-leadership-ma/>)

### Certificate

- Healthcare Mission Leadership Certificate (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/graduate-school/health-sciences/neiswanger-institute-bioethics/healthcare-mission-leadership-certificate/>)

## Curriculum

The Doctorate in Healthcare Mission Leadership (DHCML) is a professional doctoral degree and requires 66 credit hours of coursework. Matriculants in the doctoral program are required to maintain a 3.5 GPA.

Students may transfer up to 33 credit hours of coursework from an external MA degree toward the DHCML based on curricular requirements. Prior graduate coursework will be evaluated on an individual basis. Each student's course of study will be tailored to build on and complement their previous coursework. DHCML students may also select additional electives in healthcare leadership and management from the Quinlan School of Business or in theology and spirituality from the Department of Theology. These electives will be selected in conversation with the student's academic advisor.

## Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Theology and Bioethics Domain</b>		<b>30</b>
BEHL 401	Clinical Topics in Bioethics	
BEHL 403	Ethics Care Continuum	
BEHL 414	Moral Theology for Bioethics	
BEHL 415	Ethical & Religious Directives for Catholic Healthcare Leadership	
BEHL 416	Catholic Bioethics and Social Justice	
BEHL 426	Ignatian Spirituality and Medicine	
BEHL 500	Introduction to Healthcare Mission Leadership	
BEHL 502	Christian Doctrine	
IPS 545	The Foundations of Christian Spirituality	
IPS 402	Church and Mission	

<b>Organizational Leadership Domain</b>		<b>15</b>
BEHL 412	Organizational Ethics I: Business, Professionalism, and Justice	
BEHL 419	Organizational Ethics II: Ethical Leadership Changing Healthcare Environment	
BEHL 422	Practicum in Organizational/Public Health Ethics	
BEHL 505	Advanced Concepts in Health Systems Management	
CMAN 533	Fiscal Management in Health Care Organizations	
<b>Doctoral Seminars</b>		<b>15</b>
BEHL 510	Integrated Doctoral Seminar in Ethics, Theology, and Healthcare	
BEHL 511	Mission, Leadership, and Spiritual Formation Seminar	
BEHL 512	Canon Law, Sponsorship, and Church Relations	
<b>Doctoral Capstones</b>		<b>6</b>
BEHL 423	Doctoral Capstone I	
BEHL 424	Doctoral Capstone II	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>66</b>

## Graduate & Professional Standards and Regulations

Students in graduate and professional programs can find their Academic Policies in Graduate and Professional Academic Standards and Regulations (<https://catalog.luc.edu/academic-standards-regulations/graduate-professional/>) under their school. Any additional University Policies supersede school policies.

## Learning Outcomes

Participants who complete the program will be able to:

- Analyze common challenges to maintaining fidelity to the mission of Catholic healthcare institutions.
- Apply fundamental ethical principles and theological frameworks to clinical and organizational questions.
- Develop a credible argument regarding a current mission-related challenges.
- Develop strategies to foster fidelity to mission utilizing management, formational, theological, and ethical knowledge and skills.