

HEALTHCARE MISSION LEADERSHIP (MA)

The Master of Arts in Healthcare Mission Leadership offers professional preparation for those in senior leadership positions in a healthcare environment who are charged with developing, enhancing, cultivating, and protecting the identity and mission of their organizations. This interdisciplinary program is offered collaboratively by Loyola's Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics and Healthcare Leadership at the Stritch School of Medicine, the Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, and the Institute of Pastoral Studies. It integrates courses from theology, spirituality, bioethics, organizational development, and leadership to offer a well-rounded degree pertinent to the work being done in Catholic hospitals and health systems throughout the world.

Related Programs

Doctoral

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

Certificate

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

Curriculum

The Master of Arts in Healthcare Mission Leadership is designed to meet the Competencies for Mission Leaders outlined by the Catholic Health Association. The program 36 credit hours of foundational coursework in three competency domains: Theology and Spirituality, Ethics, and Organizational Management and Leadership. Since participants in this program will come with a wide range of past education and experience, this curriculum can be tailored to each applicant's background. Candidates demonstrating graduate-level training in a competency represented by a particular foundational course may substitute other courses in that or another competency domain.

Required Coursework

Code	Title	Hours
Theology and Spirituality		12
Select four of the following:		
BEHL 500	Introduction to Healthcare Mission Leadership	
BEHL 502	Christian Doctrine	
BEHL 426	Ignatian Spirituality and Medicine	
IPS 402	Church and Mission	
IPS 545	The Foundations of Christian Spirituality	
Ethics		12
Select four of the following:		
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	

Organizational Management and Leadership		9
Select three of the following:		
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	
BEHL 492	Master's Research - Capstone	3
Total Hours		36

The Healthcare Mission Leadership Program Can Be Completed Entirely Online

Our online graduate degree programs offer a highly accessible option for working professionals and individuals looking for greater flexibility. Loyola's innovative online environment encourages interaction, collaboration, and a sense of community among our students, while also offering a great depth of academic content. Our nationally-recognized faculty provides valuable engagement and networking among peers and experts in Catholic healthcare.

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.