Postgraduate Diploma in Bioethics (PGDBE)

One-year Distance Education Program

Call for Admission
2016-17

Highlights

- One of the few formal academic programs on Bioethics in India
- PG Diploma granted by Bharathiar University
- Taught by nationally and internationally trained and reputed faculty
- Offered in blended learning mode involving distance education, online activities and contact sessions
- Scholarships available to deserving and meritorious applicants
- 2016-17 batch to commence by mid-August

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Overview

Bioethics is an exciting field of study which strives to answer some of the ethical questions that arise at the intersection of biomedical sciences, law, humanity and society. This one-year course offered through distance education employs a blended-learning approach and is delivered in a multi-disciplinary environment. The overall objective is to build a basic understanding of topics in applied Bioethics through philosophical, religious, legal, and sociological foundations of Bioethics.

Entry Requirements

A graduate or higher degree in any of the disciplines relevant to Bioethics, along with a commitment to fulfil the requirements of the program, constitutes basic requirements for admission. Preference will be given to those who demonstrate an aptitude towards Bioethics.

Fee and Scholarships

The fee for the course is INR 40,000 which will also cover course materials; and lunch and snacks during the contact sessions. Participants are expected to take care of their own accommodation and travel expenses during the contact sessions and examinations.

PSG management has generously offered four scholarships for partial tuition fee waiver for the course. These scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis. A separate application should be submitted for the scholarship along with the course application.

Course Format

The one-year course is offered through distance education with remote activities, online and offline, as well as three-day contact sessions every quarter at the PSG Campus in Peelamedu, Coimbatore. The topics covered in the course are Basics of Bioethics, including History and Philosophical foundations, Bioethics and Religion, Bioethics and Law, Clinical Ethics, Public Health Ethics, Research Ethics including Clinical Trials and Ethical issues involved in recent advances in science and technology such as Genetics, Stem Cell Research and Assisted Reproductive Technology etc.

Other than didactic approaches, students would also engage in several interactive exercises facilitated by the faculty members, such as mock ethics review, movie, book and journal reviews and customised online activities.

Assessment

There will be continuous assessments in the form of assignments, presentations, journal critique, book review, and some team activities. Candidates are also expected to complete a short project at the end of one-year, which is a mandatory requirement. Examinations will be conducted by the University for I and II semester which include separate theory and practical papers.

Application Process

Please contact psgbioethics@gmail.com for application form and other details.