

I'd like to let you know about a Pediatric Bioethics Certificate Program that we sponsor at Children's Mercy Hospital. It may be of interest to people in your institution, especially those serving on your ethics committee and IRB.

We offer a year-long course leading to a Certificate in Pediatric Bioethics. The course will primarily utilize internet-based e-learning modalities. However, it will begin with an intensive, three-day weekend in Kansas City and end with another three day weekend on-site here. For the rest of the year, there will be weekly assignments and electronic discussions. Participants will need a computer with speedy internet access.

We will cover a number of key topic areas in pediatric bioethics, including the role of ethics committees, practical techniques in ethics consultation, futility and moral distress, end-of-life decisions, pediatric palliative care, research ethics, biobanking and genetics, enhancement, issues in adolescent medicine, and immunization controversies. We will also leave time on the schedule for topics that are suggested by participants.

The class size will be limited to fifteen.

Faculty will be drawn from the Children's Mercy Hospitals & Clinics and from the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

The goal of the program is to help pediatric clinicians to come to a deeper understanding of common bioethical issues that arise in child health care so that they can become better clinicians, ethics committee members, administrators, and policy makers. To our knowledge, this is the first bioethics certificate program that focuses solely on pediatric issues.

If you are interested, or know someone who is, they can fill out the attached brief application – or visit our website at www.cmh.edu/cmhc. We will review applications on a rolling basis and let people know who is accepted into the program within a week of receiving applications. Once we have reached our class size of fifteen, we will stop taking new applications for this year.

Tuition for the year-long program is \$7500. Participants will be responsible for travel and accommodations during the two three-day weekends in Kansas City.

If you have additional questions, please contact John Lantos – jlantos@cmh.edu