Our Mission

The mission of the Alden March Bioethics Institute (AMBI) at Albany Medical College is to advance the multidisciplinary field of biomedical ethics as it applies to health care and biomedical research. AMBI is committed to the goals of promoting ethical awareness, professionalism, and competencies related to bioethics by:

- Offering innovative, outcomes-oriented educational programs for medical students, graduate students, and health care professionals
- Contributing to bioethics knowledge through research and scholarship
- Providing an ethics consultation service to staff, as well as patients and their families, at Albany Medical Center

To accomplish its mission and goals, AMBI is committed to collaboration with other institutions and disciplines, regionally and nationally.

Admission Requirements

Applicants are asked to provide undergraduate and graduate transcripts and two letters of recommendation along with their online application. Graduate entrance exam scores are required only for students who do not possess a terminal degree. Dual degree students must be accepted independently to their professional degree program as well as the MS in Bioethics program.

Applications

To apply to any of AMBI’s online graduate programs, please visit http://apply.amc.edu.

For questions about the programs, please contact us at 518-262-2639 or bioethics@mail.amc.edu.
Overview
Alden March Bioethics Institute’s Online Graduate Programs provide mid-career professionals, joint degree students, and highly motivated post-baccalaureate students with an opportunity to supplement current education or career training with cutting-edge, innovative, and challenging coursework in bioethics.

Students learn to identify ethical dilemmas; to create and scrutinize policies and practices in health care and associated settings; and to help institutions and individuals solve tough moral issues.

Our Programs
- Master of Science in Bioethics, Comprehensive
- Master of Science in Bioethics, Clinical Ethics Consultation Concentration
- Graduate Certificate in Clinical Ethics
- Graduate Certificate in Clinical Ethics Consultation (Virtual Fellowship)
- JD/MS Dual Degree Program (offered with Albany Law School and Samford University’s Cumberland School of Law)
- MD/MS Dual Degree Program (offered with Albany Medical College)
- MS/PhD Dual Degree Program (offered with Albany Medical College)

Our Technology
Our online master’s degree program is easy to use, accessible and integrates innovative educational technologies to deliver quality course materials including lectures, videos, and discussions. Our partnership with iTunes University means that our course materials are always available online and are accessible on any computer with iTunes.

Our Faculty
AMBI faculty and fellows teach courses that are based in their experience as researchers, working in hospitals, and making public policy. They are actively engaged in advising and monitoring MS students as they work toward completing their coursework and their final Master’s Project.

Master of Science in Bioethics, Comprehensive
To earn the MS degree, students complete six core courses, three electives, and one Master’s Project. Courses are offered four terms each year, and with rolling admission, students can begin at any point. The MS degree may be completed in one year for full-time students or less than three years on a part-time basis.

Master of Science in Bioethics, Clinical Ethics Consultation Concentration
To earn the MS degree, students complete the four required courses for the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Ethics, the five required courses for the Virtual Fellowship, and one Master’s Project. This MS degree is designed to be completed sequentially over a period of two years.

Graduate Certificate in Clinical Ethics
The Graduate Certificate in Clinical Ethics consists of four courses offered each fall, winter, and spring term. Three courses are taken online and run sequentially to allow students to quickly gain competence in clinical ethics. One onsite course is offered using cutting-edge methods, such as standardized patients, to provide practical training in clinical ethics skills.

Graduate Certificate in Clinical Ethics Consultation (Virtual Fellowship)
The Virtual Fellowship consists of four online courses and one three-day onsite course. The Fellowship provides in-depth exposure to those advanced materials and cases that allow students to develop comprehensive skills and competency as an individual clinical ethics consultant.

JD/MS Dual Degree Program (offered with Albany Law School and Samford University’s Cumberland School of Law)
The joint JD/MS programs with both Albany Law School and Cumberland School of Law at Samford University provide students training in health, law, and bioethics by completing online and onsite courses at both Albany Medical College and the law school. Students can complete the MS program simultaneously to their JD, graduating on time with their law class.

MD/MS Dual Degree Program (offered with Albany Medical College)
This combined program will allow students to receive both the MD and the MS in Bioethics by taking one extra year during medical school to focus exclusively on bioethics. The purpose of this program is to prepare future physicians to pursue bioethics as an area of specialization during their medical careers.

MS/PhD Dual Degree Program (offered with Albany Medical College)
This program allows qualified students to receive both the PhD and the MS in Bioethics by pursuing the degrees concurrently with some course work applicable to both programs. The purpose of this program is to prepare future scientist/ethicists to include bioethics as an area of specialization during their careers.