

### ***Pastoral Care Ethics and Spirituality (= PCES)***

Arizona State University - West offers an interdisciplinary M.A. Program in Applied Ethics and the Professions with a unique concentration on Pastoral Care Ethics and Spirituality. This M.A. combines the fields of applied ethics, philosophy, social work, spirituality and religion, and trauma and bereavement studies. PCES is unique among the programs in ethics and spirituality of care in that it prepares its graduates to work in palliative centers and hospices and as trauma and bereavement counselors. The program offers skills needed for professional careers sought in ministry, social and community services, hospital and hospice counseling, veteran affairs, contemplative education, and other services provided by chaplains of diverse faiths as well as by non-religious personnel and bereavement counselors engaged in ethics and spirituality of care.

### ***The M.A. in Applied Ethics & the Professions (= AEP)***

The M.A. Program in AEP offers a broadly interdisciplinary training for professionals and decision-makers in law, medicine, business, engineering, industry, public administration, environmental ethics, social work, and pastoral care. The two required courses in *Foundations of Ethics I & II (AEP 501 & AEP 502)* provide the students with the theoretical and historical basis to pursue specialized applied ethics expertise; the concentration course for each concentration introduces the students into basic concepts and practices of their field. The M.A. program in AEP requires 30 credits of graduate work: required methodological core - 6 credit hours, required concentration – 3 credit hours, elective concentration – 15 credit hours, and required applied ethics Capstone - 6 credit hours. There are five concentrations in the AEP for this M.A. degree: /1 /Leadership, management, and Ethics; /2/BioMedical Ethics; /3 / Sustainability and Environmental Ethics; and /4/ Ethics and Emerging Technologies, and /5/ Pastoral Care Ethics and Spirituality.

### ***The M.A. Concentration in PCES***

Recalling the ancient Socratic, biblical and other spiritual traditions of the *cura animarum* (care for and cure of the soul) and joining contemporary post/secular conversations relevant to the integration of the body-mind-spirit, this program introduces students to the basic concepts and practices of pastoral care ethics and spirituality. The theoretical and practical training pays attention to the irreducibility of existential (ontological), therapeutic (psychosomatic), and spiritual (religious) dimensions of care and cure. The theoretical part of the curriculum is inter-faith and interdisciplinary in approach, holistic in scope, and specialized in content. In the applied, activity-portion of the curriculum students investigate real life issues in care ethics and spirituality and examine them from several theoretical perspectives.

### ***The PCES Curricular Structure***

After students take two core methodological courses (AEP 501 and AEP 502, Foundations of Ethics I & II) - required for all students and all M.A. concentrations within the newly approved ASU-wide M.A. Program in AEP; student must take a core course in their selected area of concentration. The core new course for PCES, *AEP 550, Ethical and Spiritual Issues in Pastoral Care*, serves as a gateway for those students who are specializing in Pastoral Care Ethics and Spirituality in AEP. It can serve as an elective also for students in other AEP concentrations, e.g., BioMedical Ethics, as well as graduate students in REL or PHI degrees in general. The two-core sequence (AEP 501 & 502) is offered at ASUW for all students entering this M.A. degree program. Other existing and newly designed courses will be offered in the approved M.A. concentrations on all campuses of ASU.

**A partial list of PCES courses (each 3 credit hours)**

**AEP 501 Foundations of Ethics I (required core)**

**AEP 502 Foundations of Ethics II (required core)**

**AEP 550 Ethical and Spiritual Issues in Pastoral Care (gateway required for PCES)**

AEP 551 Ethical and Spiritual Approaches to Death and Dying

AEP 552 Trauma Studies

AEP 553 Ways of Spiritual Transformation

AEP 598/MAS 598 Studies in Critical Theory

AEP 598/MAS 598 Continental Philosophy & Religion

AEP 520 Foundations of Bioethics

CTB 598 Trauma and Death

CTB 607 Group Therapy and Intervention

CTB 626 Crisis Intervention

CTB 598 Trauma, Mental Illness, and Psychopharmaceuticals

CTB 697 Spirituality and the Helping Professions

CTB 691 Spiritual Assessment

CTB 605 War and Disaster

SWG 512 Values and Ethics of Social Work Practice

REL 598 Studies in Jewish Ethics

REL 598 Religion, Violence, and Peace

JHR 501 Proseminar in Social Justice and Human Rights

WST 598 Gender and Global Health Disparities

JHR 511 Problem-Based Seminar in Social Justice and Human Rights

REL 598 Medical Ethics: Religious and Secular Special Topics

REL 598 Religion, Violence, and Peace

**AEP 593 Applied Ethics Capstone Project (required - 6 credit hours)**