



# CENTRE FOR ETHICS

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YENEPOYA DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY

## POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN BIOETHICS & MEDICAL ETHICS (PGDBEME)



Ethics, originally a branch of philosophy, but now a discipline in itself, addresses questions about the rightness versus wrongness of an action. In its new avatar – bioethics – it has broadened its scope and is not necessarily restricted to the medical sciences. Until recently, bioethics education in professional institutions in India has either been completely lacking or at best, very sketchy.

The Centre for Ethics, Yenepoya deemed to be University, Mangalore, India was established in February 2011, with the objective of fostering a renaissance in bioethics in health professions

education in India. Since 2011 the Centre has been successfully conducting its flagship dedicated bioethics course – the Postgraduate Diploma in Bioethics & Medical Ethics. Admissions are now open for the ninth batch (2019). This one-year program commences in January every year (three contact programs of 4-5 days duration in January, May and October).

The course is especially designed keeping busy healthcare professionals, academicians and clinicians in mind. The unique curriculum is tailored to suit the contemporary needs of our country.

Course Name: Postgraduate Diploma in Bioethics & Medical Ethics (PGDBEME)

Course Duration: 1 calendar year (January to December)

Course objectives:

- To impart skills to develop ethical reflections based on theories of ethics
- To impart skills to identify, and resolve complex healthcare-related ethical issues and dilemmas
- To learn the basics of the various applied fields of bioethics (with emphasis on research ethics)

Course benefits: Successful participants enrich their primary professional work; enhance quality of their research work; become members of institutional ethics committees;

Course structure: Blended-learning (3 contact programs, Yengage online learning, field visits & research project)

January (4 days), May (5 days), October (4 days)

Research project submission: November

Examination: Theory + Viva (December)

In-house faculty: Dr. Uma Kulkarni (Professor - Ophthalmology, Course coordinator)

Dr. Vina Vaswani (Director, Centre for Ethics)

Dr. Ravi Vaswani (Professor - Medicine)

Dr. Poonam Naik (Professor - Community Medicine)

Dr. Grrishma B (Assistant Professor - Physiology)

Visiting faculty: Dr. Amar Jesani (Anusandhan Trust, Indian Journal of Medical Ethics)

Dr. Anant Bhan (Independent bioethics consultant)

Dr. Mala Ramanathan (AMCHSS)

Dr. Arun Bhatt (Independent research and ethics consultant, Perspectives in Clinical Research)

**Eligibility:** Bachelor's degree in any discipline relating to health, science, law, social sciences, philosophy and humanities

**Course requires:** Personal laptops and working laptop skills (including MS Office)  
Meeting deadlines for online assignments and project submission  
Minimum 80% of classroom attendance

**Fees:** Application form: Rs. 1,000/- (payable on or before 15 December)  
*Download application form from our website; fill it, attach photo, scan it and email to [bioethics@yeneepoya.edu.in](mailto:bioethics@yeneepoya.edu.in) or drop it into our office, on or before 15 December*  
Course fees Rs. 30,000/- (includes registration, research ethics workshop, course handouts, field trips, working lunch on contact days, project evaluation, use of educational & learning resources) (payable on or before 10 January)  
Examination fees: Rs. 2400/- (liable to change) (payable on or before 15 October)  
Not covered in the fees: Convocation and award of diploma; accommodation and conveyance)  
Payment modalities: Cash at accounts office; multi-city cheque; NEFT/IMPS (bank details on the website)

**Last date:** Last date for receipt of completed application form (along with application form fees and a letter of intent of not more than 500 words) – 15 December

**For more details:** Contact Course coordinator Dr. Uma Kulkarni ([umakulkarni@yeneepoya.edu.in](mailto:umakulkarni@yeneepoya.edu.in) Cell: +919448150032) or email us at [bioethics@yeneepoya.edu.in](mailto:bioethics@yeneepoya.edu.in)

Other courses offered at Centre for Ethics, Yenepoya deemed to be University

- ✚ Master's in Research Ethics (supported by NIH Grant – 1R25TW010305)
- ✚ Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Ethics
- ✚ Intensive Summer Workshop on Ethics and Research (I-SWEAR)
- ✚ Environmental ethics for undergraduate healthcare students

