



Certificate in Theology and Healthcare (C-THC)

for students not enrolled in a degree program

The Certificate in Theology and Health Care prepares Duke Divinity School students for robust theological and practical engagement with contemporary practices in medicine and health care. The certificate is typically completed in one year of study and formation at Duke Divinity School, either in residential or hybrid format. Admission to the program is by application and is not available to students currently enrolled in a degree program of the Divinity School. The program will be of special interest to those with vocations in health care (e.g., trainees or practitioners of medicine, nursing, and other health care professions) who seek theological formation and further confidence engaging questions of suffering, illness, and the place of health care in a faithful life.

Six classes must be completed to earn the certificate, though many students will choose to enroll in additional courses. Students may take up to 4 classes in their first semester; students may request a course overload of up to five courses in Spring while in the C-THC. By permission students can take core courses in the hybrid MDV, as available.

The residential certificate is typically completed in one year of full-time residential study and formation at Duke Divinity School.

The paradigm for each program includes core courses; a two-term course sequence on the intersection of theology and medicine, focusing on the relation of Christian tradition to suffering, illness, and disability, as well as to the institutions and practices of health care and bioethics (XTIANETH 761, 763); and Spiritual Formation.

Requirements for Residential Students

- Completion of two core courses focused on scripture, Christian theology, and/or church history;
- Completion of Christian Ethics 761 and 763 (Health Care in Theological Context), a two-semester course focused on the intersection of theology and medicine; and
- Completion of Christian Studies 707 (Spiritual Formation and Community Engagement for Theology, Medicine and Culture), a two-semester course that combines best practices of scripture reflection, Christian spiritual formation and disciplines, and mentoring as students discern what faithful practices look like in their own contexts (TMC Fellows participate together in a dedicated section of this course).
- Optional completion of two (or more) elective courses offered within the Divinity School.

Requirements for Hybrid Students

- Completion of Christian Studies 705 and 706 (Cultivating Christian Imagination), a two-semester course that combines scripture, history, and theology in a sweeping tour of Christian tradition and the practices of Christian communities;
- Completion of Christian Ethics 761 and 763 (Health Care in Theological Context), a two-semester course focused on the intersection of theology and medicine; and
- Completion of Christian Studies 708 (Spiritual Formation and Vocation in Health Care), a two-



semester course that combines best practices of scripture reflection, Christian spirituality, and Christian spiritual formation and disciplines, and mentoring as students discern what faithful practices look like in their own contexts.

- Optional completion of two (or more) elective courses offered within the Divinity School.

Certificate in Theology and Health Care Paradigm (hybrid)

Fall	Spring
XTIANSTU 705 - Cultivating Christian Imagination I	XTIANSTU 706 - Cultivating Christian Imagination II
XTIANETH 761 – Health Care in Theological Context I	XTIANETH 763 – Health Care in Theological Context II
XTIANSTU 708 – Spiritual Formation and Vocation in Health Care	XTIANSTU 708 – Spiritual Formation and Vocation in Health Care
(Optional) Elective	(Optional) Elective

Certificate in Theology and Health Care Paradigm (residential)

Fall	Spring
Core course: CHURHST 750, XTIANTHE 755, OLDTEST 752 or XTIANSTU 705	Core course: CHURHST 751, XTIANETH 757, OLDTEST 753, NEWTEST 754 or XTIANSTU 706
XTIANETH 761 – Health Care in Theological Context I	XTIANETH 763 – Health Care in Theological Context II
XTIANSTU 707 – Spiritual Formation and Community Engagement for Theology, Medicine, and Culture	XTIANSTU 707 – Spiritual Formation and Community Engagement for Theology, Medicine, and Culture
(Optional) Elective	(Optional) Elective