Department of History and Philosophy of Medicine

The Programs and Mission

The Department of History and Philosophy of Medicine consists of four major units: the Academic Programs, the Clendening Library, the Clendening Museum, and the KU Medical Center Archives. The Department unites these programs in its mission to advance understanding and application of ethical, historical and social analysis of health, medicine and healing.

Using the combined resources of the department we strive to teach students and colleagues how historical and social factors influence health and health care; and we inform our teaching through scholarship in the history and philosophy of medicine that merits national recognition.

The Library and Archives act as careful stewards of the extensive historical collections and promote their use and appreciation; while seeking to add some color to the often drab aesthetic of medical practice.

Finally, through our ethics programs we seek to deepen a moral appreciation of medicine's role in healing through ethics education and scholarship in the medical school and ethics consultation in the University of Kansas Hospital.

Explore our featured resources:

- University of Kansas Medical Center Archives (http://www.kumc.edu/school-of-medicine/history-and-philosophy-of-medicine/kumc-archives.html)

Although no graduate program is offered in this area, H&PM course work may be taken for graduate credit. Graduate level courses taught by History and Philosophy Medicine faculty are available through the Department of Health Policy and Management and the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health on the medical center campus and the Department of History on the Lawrence campus.

Courses

H&PM 853. Responsible Conduct of Research. 1 Hour.

The purpose of this course is to engage research trainees in reading about, considering, and discussing the responsible conduct of science. The course is designed as an option for meeting current federal regulations, which require that all NIH training grants provide training in the responsible conduct of research. This course provides a concise overview of key subject areas in the responsible conduct of research. It is designed to make students aware of relevant guidelines, policies and codes relating to ethical research, as well as to provide the skills for identifying and resolving ethical conflicts that may arise in research. Cross-linked with PRVM 853. LEC.