

Decoding^{the} Code

An online program in Catholic ethics
for the health and aged care sector

“This initiative is aimed at forming
leaders in ethics to strengthen
the ministry of healing”.

Suzanne Greenwood
CEO, Catholic Health Australia



Dates

Tuesday, 2 May 2017, Melbourne

Thursday, 27 July 2017, Brisbane

Course commences with
an introductory seminar

Melbourne 9.30am – 11.30am

Brisbane 10am – 12pm

Brisbane twilight event 5pm – 7pm

followed by online coursework over a number of weeks

Venues

Melbourne – Cabrini Hospital, Malvern Auditorium, Level 2,
183 Wattletree Rd, Malvern VIC 3144

Brisbane day event – Mercy Community Services, Happy
Haven Building, 125 Queens Road, Nudgee QLD 4014

Brisbane twilight event – Mater Misericordiae Ltd,
Des O’Callaghan Auditorium, Kelly Building,
Raymond Terrace, South Brisbane QLD 4101

Who will benefit?

Organisational and clinical leaders, executives
and other mission leaders and staff

Why attend?

To enhance knowledge, practice and confidence in
applying the principles of Catholic ethics
to the ministry of health and aged care.

Registration

Register online here: bbi.edu.au/DTC2017
or complete the attached form.



What you will learn

- competence in identifying effective processes for resolving ethical problems;
- confidence in applying the CHA Code of Ethical Standards;
- a deeper appreciation of the Catholic ethical vision and its core principles;
- an understanding of the nature of ethics and ethical problems;
- an ability to analyse and respond to specific cases especially those most common in Catholic health and aged care;
- access to resources to assist in addressing ongoing ethical challenges.

About the Course

The eight-session course will:

- be based on the principles of adult learning and best practice online pedagogy;
- incorporate multi-media content from experts around Australia;
- integrate ethical principles via case studies and the day-to-day experience of participants;
- support ethical practice in both the clinical and wider organisational environment;
- foster reflective practice;
- require approximately two hours per session to complete (around 16 hours total);
- be uploaded fortnightly over a four month period;
- offer access to feedback and group learning via a tutor and online learning community.

Course fee \$240 (incl GST) per person, including all course materials, tutorship and certificate of completion.

Course structure

Face-to-face Seminar

The course starts with an introductory face to face seminar. A filmed version of the face-to-face seminar will be available online if, for exceptional reasons, participants cannot attend the seminar in person. This essential seminar is designed to set the foundations for the entire course, to enhance subsequent online learning and to give participants the chance to meet the facilitator and one another.

The course will comprise eight sessions, each of which will involve a twenty-minute video presentation, readings and online discussion (around 16 hours).

Online Sessions

Session 1	The Questions and Situations which Give Rise to Ethics
Session 2	The Groundwork of the Catholic Ethical Vision: Sources and Themes
Session 3	The Centre of the Catholic Ethical Vision: The Dignity of the Human Person
Session 4	A Holistic Vision: The Human Person, Relationships and the Search for Meaning
Session 5	Sexuality, Beginning of Life and the Code
Session 6	Aged Care, End of Life and the Code
Session 7	Research Ethics, the Principle of Cooperation and the Code
Session 8	Making the Catholic Ethical Vision Real

Presenters

Sessions will be presented by leading Australian Catholic ethicists, selected for their experience in the health care sector.



Rev Dr Joseph Parkinson
Director, LJ Goody Bioethics Centre



Rev Kevin McGovern
Director, Caroline Chisholm Centre for Health Ethics



Professor Sue Walker
Director Perinatal Medicine
Mercy Hospital for Women



Rev Associate Professor Cormac Nagle
Hospital Ethicist, Mercy Hospital for Women



Associate Professor Patrick McArdle
Campus Dean, Australian Catholic University



Associate Professor Natasha Michael
Director of Palliative Medicine, Cabrini Health



Maureen Waddington
Director of Mission
St John of God Ballarat Hospital



Dr Dan Fleming
St Vincent's Health Australia

Facilitated by

Testimonials

“*Decoding the Code* has been an integral journey to my development as a leader in Catholic healthcare. It has highlighted that working for a values based organisation is a privilege. The course has also emphasised the fragility of life, the dignity of the human person, and how showing compassion and respect is of utmost importance to ensuring we care for the whole person.”

Andrea Rindt

*Nurse Director Women and Children
Cabrini Health*

“I am grateful to have been able to participate in the course and believe that I have gained a valuable insight into the Catholic ethos surrounding health care. The ‘Code’ is something I have recognised as a guiding set of principles when reviewing research proposals but I will now view it with greater wisdom and appreciation for the values it endorses.”

Nancy Olszewski

*Research Coordinator
Calvary Health Care Adelaide*

“*Decoding the Code* has given me a much deeper understanding of the Catholic ethical vision... Having participated in the course, I now feel better able to navigate my way through the Code and the section on End of Life is especially relevant to my work in residential aged care.”

Michael Taylor

*Manager Pastoral Services
Residential Aged Care, Mercy Health*

“The course shows that the Code is invaluable in better understanding the Catholic environment I work in, and assists in my decision making on an almost daily basis. This will mean that it will be found on the desk, not in the cupboard but also shared with my work colleagues, not only at the times needed but also as a point of discussion or reflection prior to meetings.”

Helen Miller

Director Business and Service
*Development, Aged Care Services NSW
St Vincent’s Health Australia*

“A course on ethics should not be reduced to a discussion of situational ethics, and rather should incorporate the totality of what it means to be an ethical person and this is what *Decoding the Code* managed to do. It has been an invaluable learning opportunity and by participating in the course I feel I have improved in my practice as a healthcare practitioner and as an ethical person.”

Sarah Tapp

*Registered Midwife
Auburn Hospital*

“The greatest learning for me throughout the course was the richness in the detail of the ‘Code’. It has been taken off my crowded bookshelf and has become a more defined, point of reference for me in my work. I am grateful for the opportunity and would encourage other members of staff to participate. The variety of speakers and readings was very beneficial.”

Bridget O’Shannassy

*Pastoral Care Services Manager
Villa Maria Catholic Homes*

“I really enjoyed being part of the first ethics course. The readings were interesting and thought provoking. While it was new to me to take part in online learning and suited my time at the moment, I would have to say that the first session that we came together for was great. I came away from that session enthused, wanting to learn more and I could see that there were people around like me, people who wanted to bring this ethical conversation alive.”

Catherine Stolp

Villa Maria Catholic Homes



