

Bioethics Pathfinder

The purpose of this pathfinder is to introduce some of the resources available in Houston Cole Library on **Bioethics**. The various types of library materials useful in research are described along with some examples of each type. This pathfinder is **NOT** a comprehensive listing of sources, but is intended to be a starting point from which patrons can begin their research according to their specific needs.

BASIC INTRODUCTION OR OVERVIEW MATERIAL can be found in:

R 724 .B4583 1997: *Bioethics: an Introduction to the History, Methods, and Practice*

SUBJECT HEADINGS can be identified by using the Library of Congress Subject Headings books located at the Information Desk on each floor. Books on Bioethics can be located in the Library Catalog by entering a subject search. Books can be located in the Library Catalog by clicking on "Author/Title/Subject/Call Number" search type. Then click on the "Subject" radio button. Last, type in your subject and press the enter key.

Suggested subject headings for this topic are:
Bioethics

Related headings include: Medical Ethics, Biology Social aspects, Applied Ethics, Nursing Ethics, Professional Ethics, Bioethics Religious aspects, Ethics.

To browse the book stacks, here are some Library of Congress call numbers on the 9th floor. As BIOETHICS is an interdisciplinary field, books will also be found on other floors

R 724 – Medical Ethics
QH 332 – Bioethics
BJ 37-68 Ethics – Methodology. Relation to other topics.
Q 175.35-175.37 – Science - moral and ethical aspects

REFERENCE TOOLS

DICTIONARIES AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS -- provide definitions for useful terms, and an overview of topics.

REF QH 332 .E52 1995: *Encyclopedia of Bioethics*
REF BJ 63 .E44 1998: *Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics*
REF BJ 63 .E45 2001: *Encyclopedia of Ethics*
REF R 724 .D53 1981: *Dictionary of medical ethics*

HANDBOOKS AND MANUALS -- cover broad subjects in a brief, concise manner and may include odd bits of information about a variety of topics (They may also be referred to as a compendium).

RT 85 .C63 2001: *Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements.*

RT 87 .T45 A445 1992: *Compendium of position statements on the nurse's role in end-of-life decisions*

R 724 .S599 1998: *Source book in bioethics*

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS -- are primarily annual reports, studies, and statistics from the various departments and agencies of the government. They are cataloged and shelved like other books and microforms. (There is no separate collection of government publications in this library).

JOURNALS

JOURNALS held by the library can be identified by consulting the Library Catalog by searching under the journal name. Journal Titles on BIOETHICS can be located in the Library Catalog by clicking on "Author/Title/Subject/Call Number" search type. Then click on the "Journal Title" radio button. Last, type in your journal title and press the enter key. Use these Electronic Databases to locate JOURNAL ARTICLES and other papers on BIOETHICS: Academic Search Premier, Biological Sciences, Elsevier Science Direct, CINAHL Plus Full Text, EBSCO Health Source Nursing/Academic.

A few Journals which would report on this topic are:

Periodicals R 724.H27b: *The Hastings Center Report*

Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences (Elsevier Science Direct)

The Internet Journal of Law, Healthcare and Ethics [e-journal](#)

Also, scan for bioethics related periodicals in the current periodical section on the 9th floor. Tips on [finding research articles](#).

For more information on finding journal articles, see the [Bioethics Handout](#).

WEB SITES

Browse a list of Bioethics related Web sites selected by subject librarians at Houston Cole Library.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN services are available to graduate students and faculty.
Please ask a librarian about these services.

Subject(s):

Bioethics

Medical Ethics

Applied Ethics

Nursing Ethics

Professional Ethics