ETHICAL, LEGAL AND SOCIAL PERSPECTIVES ON GENOMIC MEDICINE

Duration: One week
Cost: £1,000. If you are an NHS employee full funding is available through Health Education England
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In this module you will have an opportunity to consider the ethico-legal and social context of medical genomics. Specifically, you will explore the ethical and legal questions and challenges that arise in respect of medical genomics with a particular emphasis on the clinical and the applied.

During the module, key ethico-legal concepts will be considered including: privacy and confidentiality, autonomy and choice, capacity, counselling and consent, screening, testing and diagnosis, disability and discrimination, onset and inheritance, paediatric decision-making and adoption, resource allocation, global perspectives on genomic medicine and justice, research and publication ethics and the ethics of public policy.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
This module will allow you to:
• Describe the current legislative and ethical framework within which genomics operates.

ASSESSMENT
Work produced for assessment will be assessed against specific criteria for the module concerned and against St George’s general postgraduate (level 7) criteria which state that students working at master’s level should be able to demonstrate the following attributes in their work:
1. Critical and analytical thought processes;
2. An appropriate use of evidence;
3. Reference to relevant theoretical constructs;
4. In-depth understanding of current thought and practice within the chosen field;
5. Appropriate presentation (including acceptable academic style and correct referencing technique).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants should have a lower second class degree (2:2) in a subject that offers an appropriate grounding in science, healthcare or genetics. Alternative professional qualifications may be considered. Please visit sgul.ac.uk/genomics for the full criteria.

"I am a band 5 Genetic Technologist at the Oxford Medical Genetics Laboratories and am currently working on the 100,000 Genome Project. I selected St George’s, University of London and King’s College London due to their outstanding reputation in the Sciences and I have not been disappointed. All the staff I have been in contact with have been of incredible calibre and always helpful. I find myself using information I have learned in my day to day role already and am very excited to see what the rest of the course has in store for me!

Harriet Hewitt, Part-time MSc Genomic Medicine student

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