

HEALTH COMMUNICATION GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

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Introduction

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The Graduate Certificate in Health Communication (CHC) offers learners the opportunity to acquire and demonstrate expertise in health communication. The certificate program will provide students with a theoretically rich and practically relevant education in how health messages are generated, negotiated, assessed, and understood across a wide range of communication contexts, spanning intrapersonal communication to digital and mass media.

The Graduate Certificate in Health Communication seeks to impart the knowledge and skills necessary for creating, analyzing, and assessing health communication in a diverse and global world, where health occupies an increasingly prominent portion of our public life. Specifically, students in our program will be able to:

1. Utilize health communication concepts and theories to solve problems in professional, personal, and community/civic life.
2. Select and use appropriate methods to collect, analyze, and interpret data to answer health communication research questions.
3. Develop ethical and effective health communication messages and campaigns; orally, in writing, and across digital platforms.
4. Identify, critique, and evaluate research from across major areas of health communication research.

Application Procedures and Additional Information

- Students should declare interest in completing the Graduate Certificate in Health Communication by emailing Dr. Tamara Powell at tamara.powell@ucdenver.edu. (tamara.powell@ucdenver.edu)
- Students who are not already enrolled at CU Denver must also complete an online Application for Non-Degree Admission prior to registering for courses. Access the Graduate Non-Degree application here (<https://www.ucdenver.edu/admissions/-apply-now/>).
- Before the end of their final semester, students must send a completed certificate application (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/communication/health-communication-graduate-certificate/CHC_grad_application.docx) to Dr. Tamara Powell at tamara.powell@ucdenver.edu. (tamara.powell@ucdenver.edu)
- The approved certificate will be mailed to the student, and recorded on their transcript, after final grades are posted for the semester.
- Additional information about the graduate certificate in Health Communication may be obtained from Dr. Tamara Powell, Student Commons Building 3311, 303-315-0310, or tamara.powell@ucdenver.edu.

These program requirements are subject to periodic revision by the academic department, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences reserves the right to make exceptions and substitutions as judged necessary in individual cases. Therefore, the College strongly urges students to consult regularly with their Health Communication advisor to confirm the best plans of study before finalizing them.

Certificate Requirements

1. Students must complete a minimum of 15 credits from approved courses.
2. Students must complete all courses at the graduate level (5000 or above).
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of B (3.0) in all courses applied to the certificate and must achieve a minimum cumulative certificate GPA of 3.0. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the certificate GPA. Courses taken using pass/fail grading cannot apply to certificate requirements.
4. All of the credit hours for the certificate must be earned from faculty at the University of Colorado Denver.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete the following program requirements		15
<i>Complete the following required courses:</i>		6
COMM 5500	Health Communication	
COMM 5575	Designing Health Messages	
<i>Complete one of the following Research Methods Courses:</i>		3
COMM 5221	Research Methods: Qualitative	
HBSC 7041	Research Design and Methods in the Health and Behavioral Sciences I	
HBSC 7051	Qualitative Research Design and Methods	
HBSC 7061	Quantitative Methods in the Health and Behavioral Sciences	
HBSC 7161	Quantitative Methods in Health&Behavioral Sciences II	
SOCY 5024	Seminar: Research Methods I	
SOCY 5183	Seminar: Quantitative Data Analysis	
SOCY 5193	Seminar: Qualitative Data Analysis	
Other research methods classes may be approved by the certificate advisor.		
<i>Complete a minimum of three credit hours from the following Health Communication courses:</i>		3-6
COMM 5000	Communication and Sport	
COMM 5282	Environmental Communication	
COMM 5550	Rhetorics of Medicine & Health	
COMM 5558	Digital Health Narratives	
COMM 5601	You Are What You Eat: Food as Communication	
COMM 5620	Health Risk Communication	
COMM 5840	Independent Study *	
COMM 5880	Directed Research *	
COMM 5939	Internship *	
Other discipline-specific health communication classes may be approved by the certificate advisor.		
<i>Complete an additional three credit hours from the Health Communication course list or from the following Interdisciplinary Health Elective courses:</i>		0-3
ANTH 5014	Medical Anthropology: Global Health	

ANTH 5290	Anthropology and Public Health
ANTH 5600	Medical Anthropology
ANTH 5800	Special Topics in Medical Anthropology
ENGL 5745	Humanistic Writing About Medicine and Biology
HBSC 7031	Human Ecology and Environmental Adaptation
HBSC 7071	Social and Behavioral Perspectives in Population Health
PHIL 5242	Bioethics
PHIL 5430	Environmental Ethics
SOCY 5050	Health Disparities
SOCY 5110	Sociology of Health Care
SOCY 5270	SocI Meanings of Reproduction
SOCY 5650	Sociology of Adulthood and Aging
RLST 5460	Death and Concepts of Afterlife

Other interdisciplinary health electives may be approved by the certificate advisor.

To learn more about the Student Learning Outcomes for this program, please visit our website (<https://clas.ucdenver.edu/communication/graduate-certificate-health-communication-learning-outcomes/>).