

HEALTH COMMUNICATION CERTIFICATE

Introduction

Please click here (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/communication/>) to see Communication Department information.

The Undergraduate 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 Undergraduate Certificate in Health Communication serves as a gateway for internships and careers related to health, wellness, and medicine, and further the Communication Department's mission to guide students toward developing the skills, knowledge, and abilities necessary to use communication to create a more civil and humane world.

These requirements are subject to periodic revision by the academic department, and the College 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 major advisor and CLAS advisor to confirm the best plans of study before finalizing them.

Program Delivery

- This is an on-campus and online program.

Declaring This Certificate

- Students should declare interest in completing the Undergraduate Certificate in Health Communication by emailing Dr. Tamara Powell at tamara.powell@ucdenver.edu. (tamara.powell@ucdenver.edu)
- Before the end of their final semester, students must send a completed certificate application (<https://clas.ucdenver.edu/communication/certificates/>) 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.
- Students who are not already enrolled at CU Denver must also complete an online Application for Non-Degree Admission prior to registering for courses.
- Additional information about the undergraduate certificate in Health Communication may be obtained from Dr. Tamara Powell, Student Commons Building 3311, 303-315-0310, or tamara.powell@ucdenver.edu.

General Requirements

Students must satisfy all requirements as outlined below and by the department offering the certificate.

- Click here (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/>) for information about Academic Policies

Certificate Requirements

- Students must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours from approved courses.
- Students must complete a minimum of 12 upper division (3000-level and above) credit hours from approved courses.
- Students must earn a minimum grade of B (3.0) in all certificate courses taken at CU Denver 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. Students cannot complete certificate or ancillary course requirements as pass/fail.
- Students must complete all credit hours for the certificate with CU Denver faculty.

Program Restrictions, Allowances and Recommendations

- Courses may not count for more than two graduation requirements.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
<i>To build on a shared set of foundational theories, norms, and skills, all CHC-seeking students take the following:</i>		9
COMM 2500	Introduction to Health Communication	3
COMM 4500	Health Communication	3
COMM 4575	Designing Health Messages	3

Interdisciplinary Health Electives

Code	Title	Hours
<i>CHC-seeking students will then broaden their perspective on health communication by taking an interdisciplinary health elective. Students must complete at least one from the following courses:¹</i>		3
ANTH 4600	Medical Anthropology	3
COMM 4282	Environmental Communication	3
COMM 4525	Health Communication and Community	3
COMM 4550	Rhetorics of Medicine & Health	3
COMM 4558	Digital Health Narratives	3
COMM 4601	You Are What You Eat: Food as Communication	3
COMM 4611	Rhetoric of Global Food Policy	3
COMM 4620	Health Risk Communication	3
ENGL 4290	Rhetoric and the Body	3
ENGL 4745	Humanistic Writing About Medicine and Biology	3
ETST 3002	Ethnicity, Health and Social Justice	3
GEOG 3501	Geography of Health	3
PBHL 3030	Health Policy	3
PBHL 3041	Health, Culture and Society	3
PBHL 3070	Perspectives in Global Health	3
PBHL 4040	Social Determinants of Health	3
PHIL 4242	Bioethics	3
PSCI 4330	U.S. Health Policy	3
PSYC 3262	Health Psychology	3
SOCY 3440	Medical Sociology	3
SOCY 3570	Death & Dying: Social & Medical Perspectives	3
SOCY 4050	Health Disparities	3
SOCY 4110	Sociology of Health Care	3

SOCY 4220	Population Change and Analysis	3
SOCY 4270	Social Meanings of Reproduction	3

¹ Another elective with a health communication focus may be approved for the CHC in consultation with certificate advisor.

Required Capstone Project

Code	Title	Hours
<i>CHC-seeking students will complete their certificate by undertaking a semester-long capstone using experiential learning or high impact practices. Select one of the following:</i> ²		3
COMM 3660	Social Media for Social Change	3
COMM 3939	Internship	1-6
COMM 4051	Advanced Strategic Communication	3
COMM 4525	Health Communication and Community	3
COMM 4550	Rhetorics of Medicine & Health	3
COMM 4558	Digital Health Narratives	3
COMM 4620	Health Risk Communication	3
PBHL 4099	Capstone Experience in Public Health	3

² Additional discipline-specific health methods courses 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/health-communication-certificate-learning-outcomes/>).