

HEALTH COMMUNICATION UNDERGRADUATE 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.

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.

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.

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 courses that apply 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 P +/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to certificate requirements.
- Students must complete all credit hours for the certificate with CU Denver faculty.

Code	Title	Hours
<i>To build on a shared set of foundational theories, norms, and skills, all CHC-seeking students complete the following required courses:</i>		9
COMM 2500	Introduction to Health Communication	
COMM 4500	Health Communication	
COMM 4575	Designing Health Messages	
<i>CHC-seeking students will then broaden their perspective on health communication by taking an interdisciplinary health elective. Students must complete at least one interdisciplinary health elective from the following courses:</i>		3
ANTH 4600	Medical Anthropology	
COMM 4282	Environmental Communication	
COMM 4525	Health Communication and Community	
COMM 4550	Rhetorics of Medicine & Health	
COMM 4558	Digital Health Narratives	
COMM 4601	You Are What You Eat: Food as Communication	
COMM/INTS 4611	Rhetoric of Global Food Policy	
COMM/PBHL 4620	Health Risk Communication	
ENGL 4290	Rhetoric and the Body	
ENGL 4745	Humanistic Writing About Medicine and Biology	
ETST/PBHL 3002	Ethnicity, Health and Social Justice	
GEOG 3501	Geography of Health	
PBHL 3030	Health Policy	
PBHL 3041	Health, Culture and Society	
PBHL 3070	Perspectives in Global Health	
PBHL 4040	Social Determinants of Health	
PHIL 4242	Medicine, Health Care, and Justice: Bioethics	
PSCI 4330	U.S. Health Policy	
PSYC 3262	Health Psychology	
SOCY/PBHL 3440	Medical Sociology	
SOCY/HEHM 3570	Death & Dying: Social & Medical Perspectives	
SOCY 4050	Health Disparities	
SOCY 4110	Sociology of Health Care	

SOCY 4220	Population Change and Analysis	
SOCY/WGST 4270	Social Meanings of Reproduction	
<i>CHC-seeking students will complete their certificate by undertaking a semester-long capstone using experiential learning or high impact practices. Complete one of the following capstone courses:²</i>		3
COMM 3660	Social Media for Social Change	
COMM 3939	Internship	
COMM 4051	Advanced Strategic Communication	
COMM 4525	Health Communication and Community	
COMM 4550	Rhetorics of Medicine & Health	
COMM 4558	Digital Health Narratives	
COMM 4620/4620	Health Risk Communication	
PBHL 4099	Capstone Experience in Public Health	
Total Hours		15

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

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/>).