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THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Department of Communication

HEALTH COMMUNICATION CERTIFICATE

18 credits, 6 courses total. Pre-requisites, # of credits, and course attributes are listed in parenthesis.

The health communication certificate provides both undergraduate and graduate students with expertise in communicating with and/or for health organizations. The program is interdisciplinary so any student can pursue it and many departments offer courses, including communication, health promotion & education, and family & preventive medicine (just to name a few). Topics covered include: Improving doctor-patient communication, Optimizing communication across complex team structures, Crafting effective health care materials, Reaching underserved populations.

***6000-level courses are for graduate students pursuing the certificate. Undergraduates seeking enrollment in 6000-level courses must obtain permission from the department the course is offered through.**

Tier 1 (2 courses, 6 credits)

Required Course:

_____ COMM 5115/6115 Foundations of Health Communication (3)

Choose **ONE** of the following:

_____ COMM 5116/6116 Health, Communication, and Culture (3)

_____ COMM 5117/6117 Health, Campaigns, & Media (3)

Tier 2 (2 courses, 6 credits)

Choose **TWO** of the following:

_____ COMM 5116/6116 Health, Communication, and Culture (3)

_____ COMM 5117/6117 Health, Campaigns, & Media (3)

_____ COMM 5110/6110 Interpersonal Communication (3) (pre-req: COMM 2110)

_____ COMM 5140/6140 Communication & Aging (3)

_____ COMM 5170/6170 Issues in Organizational Communication (3) (pre-req: COMM 3170)

_____ COMM 5200/6200 Persuasion & Political Communication (3)

_____ COMM 5490/6490 Communication & Social Justice (3)

_____ COMM 5590/6590 Integrated Marketing Communication (3)

_____ COMM 5640/6640 Communication, Technology, and Culture (3)

_____ COMM 5660/6660 Media Ethics (3) (pre-req: COMM 3505)

_____ COMM 5815/6815 Special Topics in Health Communication (3)

How to Apply

Students interested in completing the Health Communication Certificate must submit a **Declaration of Intent** on our website. Go to communication.utah.edu and click on Other Programs at the top of the page then select Health Communication Cert Program → Requirements → Declaration of Intent.

*Students are required to complete an exit interview upon completion of the certificate.

Tier 3 (2 courses, 6 credits)

Choose **ONE HEDU** course:

_____ HEDU 5060 International Health Promotion (3) (IR)

_____ HEDU 5100 Health Care in the United States (3)

_____ HEDU 5300 Diversity and Health (3) (CW) (DV)

_____ HEDU 5350 Eating Disorder: Prevention and Treatment (3)

_____ HEDU 6000 Foundations and Theory of Health Promotion (3)

_____ HEDU 6010 Theoretical Foundations of Health Promotion and Education (3)

_____ HEDU 6030 Complementary Medicine in Health (3)

_____ HEDU 6060 Health Instruction and Communication (3)

_____ HEDU 6080 Strategic Planning and Social Marketing in Health Promotion (3)

_____ HEDU 6250 Health Theories in Individual Behavior Change (3)

_____ HEDU 6260 Health Theories in Group Behavior Change (3)

_____ HEDU 6540 Health Communications (3)

Choose **ONE** course:

_____ ECON 5190/6190 Health Economics (3)

_____ SOC 5657/6657 World Population Policies and Problems (3)

_____ SOC 5720/6720 Medical Sociology (3)

_____ SOC 4674/6674 Global Health (3) (IR)

_____ FPMD 4500 Public Health: A Global Perspective (3) (IR)

_____ FPMD 5005 Introduction to the Medical Profession (3)

_____ FPMD 5520 Public Health Perspective on Surgery in the Global Context (3)

_____ FPMD 5530/6530 Global Health (3)

_____ FPMD 5540 Refugees in Utah: A Public Health Issue (3)

_____ PRT 5325 Disabilities, Adaptation, and Accessibility in Therapeutic Recreation (3) (pre-req: PRT 3100 or PRT 6000)

_____ FCS 5390 Gender and Minorities Across the Lifespan (also ETHNC 5290 & GNDR 5390) (3) (DV)

_____ FCS 5430 Families, Consumers, and Health (3)

_____ FCS 5630/6630 Healthy Communities (3)

_____ GERON 5220 Caregiving and Aging Families (3)

_____ GERON 5370/6370 Health and Optimal Aging (also HEDU 5370) (3)

_____ PHIL 5510/6510 Applied Ethics (3) (see course catalog for recommended pre-reqs)

_____ PHIL 5520/6520 Advanced Bioethics (3) (see course catalog for recommended pre-reqs)

_____ POLS 5321/6321 Health Policy (3)

_____ POLS 5570 Management of Nonprofit Organizations (3)

_____ WRTG 5010/6010 Medical and Health Science Discourses (3)