



# Health Communication Undergraduate Certificate

*15 Credit Hours*

*Created in conjunction with the Department of Communication, the School of Public Health, and the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion.*

This certificate is designed to give students an enhanced education in communication skills critical to health-related professions. Upon completion of the certificate, students will be able to determine how communication impacts the major contributors for disease prevention and control as well as how to identify and analyze communication strategies that are most effective for health promotion and wellness. Students also gain advanced knowledge and insight into how communication can affect patient and client outcomes and the ability to apply these skills toward the betterment of their careers in health professions.

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## **Requirements**

- The Health Communication Certificate requires 15 credit hours to be completed with a minimum of 2.0 GPA in all completed certificate courses.
- A minimum of 12 credits of coursework must be taken for a letter grade (i.e., one class may be taken pass/fail).
- Certificates will only be awarded to students who successfully complete a degree, or have completed a four-year degree.
- No more than nine credits taken for a certificate can be used to satisfy the requirements for the student's bachelor's degree, a minor, or another certificate, exclusive of free or unrestricted electives.

### **Communication Core (6 credit hours, both courses required)**

COM 311—Taking Control of Your Health: Patient-Provider Communication

COM 471—Introduction to Health Communication

### **Public Health Core (3 credit hours)**

Choose one from the following:

CPH 201—Introduction to Public Health

UKC 130/CPH 202—Public Health Through Popular Film

CPH 440-001—Foundations of Health Behavior

### **Electives (6 credit hours)**

Choose two from the following:

COM 287—Persuasive Speaking

COM 482—Studies in Persuasion

COM 525—Advanced Issues in Organizational Communication

COM 535—Risk and Crisis Communication

COM 571—Interpersonal Communication in Health Contexts

COM 572—Health Communication Campaigns and Communities

LIS/CJT 539—Introduction to Medical Informatics

CPH 202—Public Health Through Popular Film

CPH 365/CPH 310—Disease Detectives: Epidemiology in Action

CPH 440-001—Foundations of Health Behavior

KHP 230—Human Health and Wellness

KHP 590—Advanced Health Concepts