

# HEALTH COMMUNICATION CERTIFICATE


**ONLINE**

A certificate for professionals in healthcare seeking career advancement through expertise in health communication. The CHC provides a 12-credit specialization in health communication, focusing on theoretical and practical knowledge of public advocacy and the critical capacity to evaluate face-to-face and mediated health information. This certificate is ideal for students who have a masters' degree, PhD or MD, however, the 12 credits of the certificate may also be applied to a degree program in the future, if desired.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:**  
Healthcare professionals

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**  
Rolling admission

**COST:**  
<https://hcom.illinois.edu/admissions>

**REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:**  
Students register for courses online through the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning (CITL). <https://online.illinois.edu/getting-started/how-to-enroll-in-an-online-course/non-degree-seeking-students>

**ACADEMIC CALENDAR:**  
HCOM courses operate on a semester system; students take 2 courses per semester, one course at a time. In each semester, there is one 8 week course and one 4 week course, with a two week break in between. An 8 week course is also offered over the summer. For sample course schedules, visit: <https://hcom.illinois.edu/curriculum>

**DELIVERY MODE:**  
Fully online

**LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:**  
Online

**TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:**  
Most courses do not require textbooks. Textbooks will be readily available through commercial vendors.

**TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:**  
None accepted.

**TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:**  
12

**FINANCIAL AID INFO:**  
No financial aid is available because the CHC is not a degree program.

**SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS:**  
The CHC offers a unique group-paced yet asynchronous online learning environment. All assignments and coursework can be completed individually at a time during the week that works for each individual student. A full time academic advisor is available to answer questions, consult with prospective and current students, help navigate any administrative hurdles, and advocate for students throughout the program. The CHC is a student-centered program that focuses on small cohorts of highly motivated and engaged students advancing both professional and academic goals.

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## REQUIRED COURSES:

The 12 credits of the certificate are non-degree seeking credits and may be applied to a degree program in the future, if desired.

There are no required courses for the CHC. Students in the CHC may register for any courses in the Health Communication Online Master of Science (HCOM) program during the time they are offered to HCOM students, with the exception of 4 courses (Introduction to Health Communication, Research Methods 1 & 2, and Capstone).

For a complete list of courses offered, visit: <https://hcom.illinois.edu/admissions>