What is Health Communication?

The study of health communication can contribute to disease prevention and health promotion in areas such as provider-patient communication, patient-family communication, public health messages and campaigns, health in mass media, public health, and technology and health. Effective healthcare communication results in improved patient health. If health professionals lack communication skills then patients suffer.

WHY HEALTH COMMUNICATION?

A minor in Health Communication provides essential skills to enhance communication among physicians, nurses, health specialists, health technicians, and patients. This minor includes a unique blend of theory, research, and application.

The goals of the Minor in Health Communication are to:

- Improve patient health through effective communication.
- Acquire collaborative problem-solving skills.
- Develop conflict management and negotiation skills.

This interdisciplinary minor in Health Communication consists of 21 hours:

- Two required core courses
- Three Communication electives
- Two courses focusing on Health Communication

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Required Core Courses

- COMM 4326  Health Communication
- MC 4382P  Health Communication Campaigns

Elective Courses (choose 1)

- COMM 2315  Interpersonal Communication
- COMM 2330  Small Group Communication

Elective Courses (choose 2)

- COMM 3318J  Communication in Health Organizations
- COMM 3319  Organizational Communication
- COMM 3325  Communication & Conflict Management
- COMM 3326  Family Communication
- COMM 3328  Communication & Gender
- COMM 3329  Intercultural Communication
- COMM 3330  Nonverbal Communication
- COMM 3358  Professional Communication
- COMM 4324  Organizational Rhetoric
- COMM 4329  Training & Development
- COMM 4331  Persuasion
- COMM 4345  Political Communication
- COMM 4347  Leadership
- COMM 4351  Relational Communication
- COMM 4390  Communication Internship

Elective Courses (choose 2)

- HA 3308  Healthcare Organizations
- HA 3309  Ethics in Health Professions
- HA 3315  Healthcare Administration History, Culture, and Language
- HA 3341  Training and Professional Development in Healthcare
- HA 4320  Seminar in Healthcare Administration
- MC 3355  Mass Media & Society
- MC 3343  Introduction to Public Relations
- MC 4309  Visual Literacy: Film
- PSY 3300  Lifespan Development
- PSY 3315  Abnormal Psychology
- PSY 3324  Psychology of Human Diversity
- PSY 3325  Psychology of Persuasion
- PSY 3331  Social Psychology
- PSY 3333  Industrial Psychology
- PSY 3361  Health Psychology