

Graduate Certificate in Health Communication

Program Description

The Communication Department, in collaboration with other WSU departments, offers the graduate certificate program in health communication. It is designed to provide research-based professional study for graduate students in communication, graduate students pursuing advanced degrees in health or health-related disciplines (public health, nursing, sociology, social work, etc.), and individuals practicing in the interdisciplinary field of health and health services (nurses, social workers, doctors, dietitians, pharmacists, etc.).

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to the graduate certificate program, an applicant must hold or be completing an earned baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from a college or university of recognized standing and have adequate preparation with discernible ability to pursue graduate studies in the major field elected. The Department requires a minimum GPA of 3.0 in upper division coursework. The Department also requires a personal statement regarding interest in the program. Deadlines dates for submission are Feb 1 for the Spring/Summer semester and June 1 for the Fall semester.

Curriculum Requirements

One required course: 6180 Principles of Health Communication (3 credits)

Two courses from among the following:

COM 5130 Communication and Social Marketing Campaigns (3 credits)

COM 7150 Micro-Level Organizational Communication (3 credits)

COM 7170 Health Communication (3 credits)

COM 7370 Advanced Theories of Persuasion and Social Influence (3 credits)

COM 7010 Special Topics (3 credits, max. 3)

One course from among the following:

ANT 5400 Anthropology of Health and Illness (3 credits)

CM 7320 Social Basis of Health Care (3 credits)

NUR 6606 Evidence Based Health (3 credits)

COM 6190 Internship (3 credits)

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