

2023-2024 Health Communication Major Worksheet

PLEASE NOTE: This advising sheet does not include General Education requirements as outlined in SDSU's General Catalog.

Students majoring in health communication learn how people individually and collectively understand and accommodate to health and illness and the role of communication in shaping professional health care messages and public acceptance of these messages.

Health communication graduates find positions in both profit and non-profit organizations such as public health agencies, hospitals, educational institutions, health insurance companies, and other corporations.

Pre-major requirements: To advance from pre-major to major, students are required to have:

- Minimum 45 units
- Minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA

AND

Completion of the following nine (9) units of pre-major coursework with grades of C or better in each class (Cannot be taken for CR/NC):

- COMM 103 Oral Communication or equivalent (3 units)

Two courses (6 units) selected from these with a 2.75 GPA between them:

- COMM 160 Argumentation
- COMM 201 Communication & Community (COMM 103 prerequisite)
- COMM 204 Advanced Public Speaking (COMM 103 prerequisite)
- COMM 245 Interpersonal Communication (also satisfies GE "Lifelong Learning and Self Development")

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FOUNDATIONS OF COMMUNICATION – Complete 9 units

- COMM 300** Conceptualizing Communication (3)
- COMM 350** Investigating Communication (3)
- COMM 321** Intro to Health Communication (3) - prerequisite for COMM 421-428

INVESTIGATING COMMUNICATION – Complete 6 units **prior** to enrolling in COMM 495 (Capstone)

- COMM 407** Perspectives on Interviewing (3) **
- COMM 420** Quantitative Methods (3) **
- COMM 441** Critical & Cultural Methods (3) **
- COMM 462** Ethnography (3) **
- COMM 465** Conversational Analysis (3) **

HEALTH RELATED PREPARATION – Complete 6 units

- GER 360** Diversity & Aging (3) *
- GER 370** Images of Aging in Contemporary Society (3) *
- HHS 350** Applied Int'l Health & Human Services (3) – Special Fee to Enroll*
- NURS 350** Women's Health Across the Lifespan (3) *
- PHIL 330** Biomedical Ethics (3) *
- P A 340** Administrative Behavior (3)
- P H 353** Human Sexuality & Disease (3) *
- P H 362** Global Health (3) *
- SWORK 430** Alcohol & Other Drug Problems: Prevention & Intervention (3)

* Course meets other Upper Division General Education and/or Cultural Diversity requirements

HEALTH COMMUNICATION COURSES – Complete 18 units (must complete 6 units prior to enrolling in COMM 495)

- COMM 421** Health Communication & Community Based Service Learning (3)
- COMM 422** Politics of Health Communication (3)
- COMM 423** Patient-Provider Communication (3)
- COMM 424** Health Communication & Relationships (3)
- COMM 425** Theory & Research in Health Communication Campaigns (3)
- COMM 426** Communication in Health Risk & Crises (3)
- COMM 427** Health Communication & Cultural Communities (3)
- COMM 428** Communicating Health & Well Being at Work (3)
- COMM 485** Communicating Leadership (3) **
- COMM 490** Internship (1-3) **
- COMM 540** Communicating Science in the Public Interest (3) **
- COMM 371** OR **COMM 415** OR **COMM 445** OR **COMM 492** OR **COMM 499** OR **COMM 555** (3) **

** COMM 300 AND COMM 350 are prerequisites for these courses EXCEPT COMM 371

COMMUNICATION CAPSTONE

Must complete ALL Foundations and Investigating Communication courses and 6 units from **Health Communication courses** and have completed a minimum of 90 units prior to taking this Capstone course.

- COMM 495** Conceptualizing & Investigating Communication