



# ONLINE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH COMMUNICATION

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## REQUIRED COURSES:

Research Methods 1 & 2 and the Capstone courses are required for the degree. For a full list of courses, visit: <http://www.hcom.illinois.edu/curriculum/descriptions/>

A degree for professionals in healthcare seeking career advancement through expertise in health communication. The HCOM program equips students with the latest theory and research methods to better solve problems in healthcare. Students bring real-world experience to discussions about the role of communication in national and global health issues. HCOM focuses on theoretical and practical knowledge of public advocacy and the critical capacity to evaluate face-to-face and mediated health information. This degree offers new insight and a competitive edge for any health-related career.

## TARGET AUDIENCE:

Professionals in healthcare and those who seek a career in the healthcare field.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

<http://www.hcom.illinois.edu/admissions/requirements/>

- Bachelor's degree with a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Three letters of recommendation
- Personal statement
- Current resume
- TOEFL scores for international students

## COST:

<http://www.hcom.illinois.edu/admissions/tuition/>

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Students register for courses online through Student Self-Service.

## 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: <http://www.hcom.illinois.edu/curriculum/schedule/>

## DELIVERY MODE:

All courses are offered 100% online and asynchronously through an online learning management tool.

## LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

Online

## TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

Most HCOM courses do not require textbooks. Textbooks will be readily available via commercial vendors.

## TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

Up to 4 transfer credits or up to 12 non-degree credits may be counted towards the degree.

## TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

32

## FINANCIAL AID INFO:

<https://www.osfa.illinois.edu/>

## SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS:

The HCOM program offers a unique group-paced yet asynchronous online learning environment. All assignments and coursework can be completed individually at the student's convenience. 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. HCOM is a student-centered program with highly motivated and engaged students achieving both professional and academic goals. HCOM has a 95% degree completion rate among admitted students.