



Twin Cities Campus

Health Journalism and Communication M.A.

School of Journalism & Mass Communication

Graduate School

Link to a [list of faculty](#) for this program.

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2020
- Length of program in credits: 33
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Arts

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

Note: This program has been temporarily suspended. Applications are not being accepted at this time. Please contact Graduate Student Services at sjmcgrad@umn.edu with questions.

A joint program of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication and the School of Public Health, the professional master's in health journalism and communication promotes improved public communication about health matters by combining knowledge, skills, and experience from both disciplines. The program is designed for journalists and health professionals, who earn a master's degree in health journalism. Journalists and communications professionals learn the fundamentals of medical research and public health. Health professionals learn basic journalistic principles and ethics, and how to develop meaningful health stories. Those pursuing other master's degrees, (e.g., master's in public health), earn the M.A. in health journalism and communication in addition to the other degree.

The Health Journalism and Communication program has two distinct, but overlapping, programs of study. Students in the health journalism emphasis will gain advanced knowledge about public health and the evaluation of claims from health, medical, and scientific sources, as well as advanced training on reporting health stories for different media. Students in the health communication emphasis will learn the fundamentals of writing about health topics for different audiences in different formats, as well as health campaign development and evaluation.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

Special Application Requirements:

Applications to this master's program are not currently being accepted. Please contact sjmcgrad@umn.edu with questions.

Applicants must submit their test score(s) from the following:

- GRE

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL
 - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
 - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
 - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
 - Paper Based - Total Score: 550
- IELTS
 - Total Score: 6.5

Key to [test abbreviations](#)(GRE, TOEFL, IELTS).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.



Program Requirements

Plan B: Plan B requires 25 major credits and 6 credits outside the major. The final exam is oral. A capstone project is required.

Capstone Project: Contact the program for capstone project information.

This program may not be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses towards program requirements is not permitted.

The M.A. in health journalism and communication requires a minimum of 33 semester credits, to be completed over a two-year schedule. The program has two distinct areas of emphasis: health journalism and health communication. Students in the health journalism emphasis area learn to evaluate claims from health, medical, and scientific sources and to tell health-oriented stories in broadcast or magazine journalism. Students in the health communication emphasis learn the fundamentals of writing about health topics for different audiences, as well as health campaign development and evaluation.