

Minor in Health and Science Communication

Academic Program Guide for **New First-Year Students** (Effective Fall 2026)
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Students who entered Rowan University prior to Fall 2026 should follow the guide for their program and start-year in consultation with their advisor.

Program Description: The minor in Health and Science Communication prepares you to work in health and science, facilitate public engagement with complex information, and advocate for life-saving and sustainable change. Learn to analyze communication practices and language to better understand scientific controversies, clinical problems, and public health strategies. Feed your curiosity. Engage the public. Advocate for change.

Core Requirements

SUMMARY OF MINOR REQUIREMENTS

- 12 sh of Core Courses
- 6 sh in Approved Electives

- 18 sh total

CORE COURSES

Course #	Course Name	Course Designations / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
HSC 08100	Introduction to Health and Science Communication	Prereq: COMP 01112 or equivalent			3
HSC 08200	Developing Health and Science Literacy	Prereq: COMP 01112 or equivalent			3
CMS 04393	Rhetoric of Science, Technology and Medicine--WI	Prereq: COMP 01112; Satisfies WI requirement			3
HSC 08450	Senior Seminar in Health and Science Communication	Prereq: 90 sh and HSC 08100 and HSC 08200 and CMS 04393			3
Subtotal: 12 sh					

Approved Electives

Choose two (2) from the following courses.

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
CMS 04380	Health Communication	Prereq: COMP 01112 or equivalent			3
CMS 04382	Communication in Health Campaigns and Interventions				3
PR 05317	Strategic PR in Health Care				3
CMS 04385	Constructing Health				3
WA 01330	Medical Writing and Rhetoric	Prereq: COMP 01112			3
JRN 02324	Health Reporting	Prereq: JRN 02310			3
CMS 04313	Environmental Communication	Prereq: ENST 94102 or GEOG 16100 or Permission of instructor			3
WA 01335	Environmental Writing and Rhetoric				3
WA 01325	Scientific Writing and Rhetoric	Prereq: COMP 01112 or equivalent			3
JRN 02420	South Jersey News Service				3
HSC 08350	Special Topics in Health and Science Communication				3
Subtotal: 6 sh					

Total Program Credits Required for this Minor: 18 SH