

## Congratulations! You're starting your application!

### STEP 1: CREATE AN ACCOUNT AND SET YOUR PASSWORD

Click "Apply Now"

- Click "Create an account" (Enter your email address, first name, last name, birthdate)
- **Consent** to University privacy statement by **checking the checkbox**
- Click "Submit."

You will be prompted to **login** and a **temporary pin** will be sent to your email.

- Enter your temporary pin and birthdate
- Click "Login"

You will be prompted to **set your password**.

### STEP 2: START YOUR APPLICATION

Click "Start a New Application"

- A popup window opens. Click "Create Application"
- Another popup window opens. Click "Open Application"
- Read the page of instructions (not all apply to HCOM)

Click "Continue"

- You will be prompted to fill in a form with personal information relevant to your application

Click "Continue"

- You will now be asked about your residency information

Click "Continue"

### STEP 3: SELECT YOUR PROGRAM

You will be asked to pick a program and term of enrollment  
From the drop-down menu:

- Select "Communication"
- Select "Health Communication (Online) - MS"
- Select your term of enrollment, either "Fall" or "Spring"  
(Summer applications get rolled into the Fall cohort)

### STEP 4: FEE WAIVER

When asked if you qualify for a fee waiver, **unless you are using a veteran's grant, click "NO."**

(HCOM is a self-supporting program and cannot accept any other waivers)

### STEP 5: UPLOAD APPLICATION MATERIALS

Follow the prompts to

- **identify your prior educational institutions**
- **upload transcripts\***
- **submit your resume**
- **add your personal statement**
- **identify your recommenders\*\***

\*You do not need "official" transcripts at this time. Scanned copies are accepted at this stage of the application process. If admitted to HCOM, you will be asked to provide official copies of your transcript which are sent directly from the awarding institution to the department. Your admission letter will provide further details.

\*\* You can (and should!) submit your application before your recommenders submit their recommendations. Once your recommendations are submitted they will be automatically added to your file.

### STEP 6: SIGN AND SUBMIT APPLICATION

Digitally sign your application and pay the \$75 application fee.

**Congratulations!**  
**You've completed your application to HCOM!**

It takes between 2-4 weeks for the admissions committee to review your application (pending recommendation letters being submitted).

If you have any questions at any time, please email Dr. Lauren Weiner (lgrill@illinois.edu), call (224) 484-0425, or live chat with us on our website!