

**University of Illinois College of Medicine**  
**Office of Special Curricular Programs**  
**College-Sponsored Certificate Program Opportunity for M1 students**

**Available Certificates:**

- Clinical Research Methods (CRM)  
<http://publichealth.uic.edu/academics/certificates/clinicalresearchmethods/>
  
- Health Disparities Research (HDR)  
<http://publichealth.uic.edu/academics/certificates/healthdisparitiesresearch/>

**General Information:**

Two new online certificate programs, *Clinical Research Methods (CRM)* and *Health Disparities Research (HDR)* are available for application to first year medical students (**M1s**) through the division of Health Policy and Administration (HPA) in the School of Public Health. The need for clinicians competent in understanding health disparities and to conduct clinically oriented research continues to grow in the marketplace. The College of Medicine can provide up to **ten medical students per year** an online educational opportunity to enhance their career options and to strengthen their CVs for residency application. Students can use these programs to better prepare themselves for research-oriented residency programs. There will be no additional tuition costs to students who are selected to participate in the COM-sponsored CRM or HDR certificate programs as support will be paid by philanthropic funding. Student program participation is contingent on the student's academic progress.

**Application requirements:**

*The application process for these certificate programs would occur in your first year of medical school and involves a one-page personal statement describing your interest in earning the MD and certificate: The personal essay should describe your past education, experience, and current professional career objectives. You are encouraged to comment on any or all of the following: plans you have to use your education and training; the needs and/or challenges you perceive as important in your field of study; and any personal qualities, characteristics, and skills you believe will enable you to be successful in your chosen field of study.*

More information regarding the programs will be available during your first semester of study.