

**The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Postdoctoral Certificate Training Program – Fall 2008**

Course title

Postdoctoral Seminars – Presentation Skills

Prerequisite

Enrollment in the Program and completion of Responsible Conduct in Research for Postdoctoral Fellows (PDF 9997)

Course can be audited with permission of Office of Postdoctoral Affairs and PI

Course description

This course is designed to give postdoctoral fellows the opportunity to improve their oral presentation skills. In the first part of the semester, participants will learn important aspects of presenting their research effectively. In the second part of the semester, each participant will give a 15-20 min presentation of his/her research project, which will be evaluated by the other participants of the course.

Class objective

The ability to effectively present scientific research is crucial for any scientist. Postdoctoral fellows must develop their skills to an advanced level. While their research projects have merit, it is imperative that they have the skills to present their work effectively and confidently. This course would give postdoctoral fellows the opportunity to expand and enhance their oral presentation skills. This would occur in a setting where they are evaluated by their peers and in an open and constructive manner.

Course credit

1 semester credit hour for those enrolled in the Training Program

Grading system

Pass / Fail – based on attendance and participation. You are expected to attend class on a weekly basis. After the “training” portion of the course, you will be assigned your presentation date. You are expected to honor your commitment to present as well as evaluate your peers. More than 3 weeks missed will be considered a non-passing grade.