

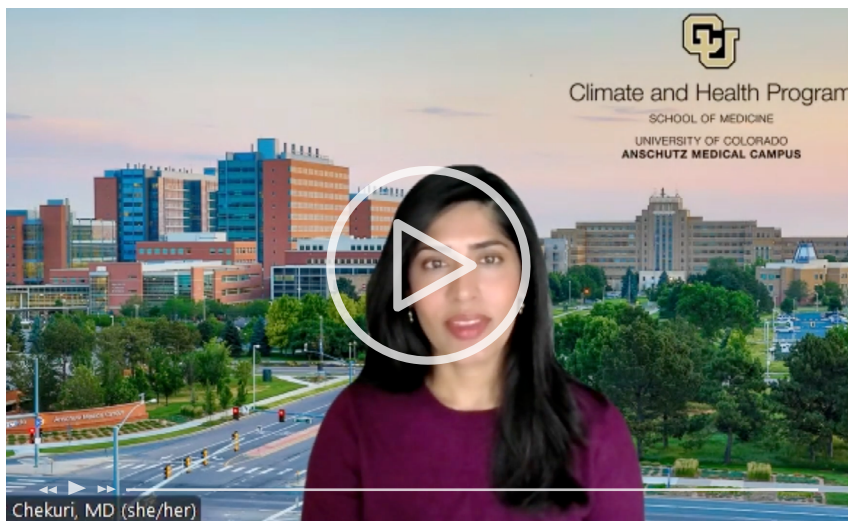
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HOW-TO GUIDE:

A Practical Guide to Turning Ideas Into Action

Training Climate-Smart Healthcare Leaders

↳ [CU Diploma in Climate Medicine](#)



The Diploma in Climate Medicine trains leaders to advance environmentally sustainable health care, strengthen community resilience, and address climate-related health impacts.

In 2022, the University of Colorado School of Medicine launched the Diploma in Climate Medicine, a first-of-its-kind, scalable education program preparing health professionals to lead on climate and health. The program integrates climate science, clinical practice, health systems transformation, and community resilience through flexible, interdisciplinary certificates and a 300-hour diploma pathway. Since 2022, it has built a national community of climate-informed clinicians translating knowledge into real-world leadership, policy engagement, and system-level change.

Replicate This!

How To Get Started

- 1 **Identify** gaps in climate and health education.
- 2 **Engage** clinicians, public health leaders, system leaders, and communities in program design.
- 3 **Define** purpose and impact: professional relevance, health outcomes, and systems change.
- 4 **Position** climate and health literacy as a leadership skill.
- 5 **Secure** blended funding (institutional, grants, philanthropy, fees, employers).
- 6 **Build** stackable credentials (certificates, micro-credentials, CE).
- 7 **Develop** interdisciplinary partnerships to ensure successful implementation.
- 8 **Design** for working professionals (hybrid, flexible, tiered pricing).
- 9 **Incorporate** storytelling, case studies, and lived experience.
- 10 **Track** impact, build community, and plan for scale.