

HEALTH EDUCATION AND BEHAVIOR

Program Information

The 30-credit hour, non-thesis Master of Science in Health Education and Behavior degree program is designed for students seeking an advanced practitioner's degree. A distinctive feature of this option allows students to choose a minimum of 15 credit hours of major elective coursework that matches their interests with faculty expertise to plan a program that achieves their professional goals. The degree prepares health promotion specialists to work in local, state, and federal health agencies, nongovernmental health organizations, patient care settings, and the private sector.

The 30-credit, non-thesis Pre-Professional Health Science Track is designed for students seeking a career in health care. This option allows you to choose a minimum of 12 credits of basic science elective coursework which are prerequisites for dental, medical, nursing, occupational therapy, physician assistant, physical therapy, and other health professional programs including 6 credits of undergraduate science courses (3000-4999). This degree track prepares students who are interested in graduate studies in the health sciences and/or pursuing health professional training. Full-time students can complete the 30-credit hour M.S. options in one year.

The 36-credit Thesis and the 36-credit Project In Lieu Of Thesis Master of Science in Health Education and Behavior degree options are designed for students interested in improving their research skills through conducting evaluation projects and empirical studies, as well as pursuing advanced graduate study, particularly the doctoral degree. Students typically complete these options in about 4 semesters.

For more information, please see our website: <http://hhp.ufl.edu/about/departments/heb/>.

Degrees Offered

Degrees Offered with a Major in Health Education and Behavior

- Master of Science

Requirements for these degrees are given in the Graduate Degrees (<http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/graduate/degrees/>) section of this catalog.

Courses

Health Education and Behavior Departmental Courses

Code	Title	Credits
HLP 6515	Evaluation Procedures in Health and Human Performance	3
HLP 6535	Research Methods in Health and Human Performance	3
HLP 6911	Research Seminar	1
HLP 6935	Variable International Topics	1-6
HLP 7939	HHP PhD Professional Development Seminar	3
HLP 7979	Advanced Research in Health and Human Performance	1-12
HLP 7980	Research for Doctoral Dissertation	1-15

HSC 5135	Emotional Health Education	3
HSC 5138	Human Sexuality	3
HSC 5142	Drug Education and Behavior	3
HSC 5536C	Medical Terminology for the Health Professions	3
HSC 5576	Nutrition Education for Special Populations	3
HSC 5606	Spirituality and Health	3
HSC 5618	Advanced Exercise Therapy, Adapted Physical Activity, & Health	3
HSC 5626	Minority Health Issues	3
HSC 5657	Health and End-of-Life Issues	3
HSC 5925	Seminar in Health Education	1-3
HSC 5956	Writing for Professional Publications	3
HSC 6037	Philosophy and Principles of Health Education	3
HSC 6235	Patient Health Education	3
HSC 6318	Planning Health Education Programs	3
HSC 6506	Epidemiology	3
HSC 6567	Health Promotion and Programming in Gerontology	3
HSC 6571	Contemporary Issues in Health Promotion	3
HSC 6575	Women's Health Issues	3
HSC 6595	HIV/AIDS Education	3
HSC 6603	Theories of Health Behavior and Practice in Health Education	3
HSC 6605	Scientific Foundations of Holistic Health	3
HSC 6625	Trends in International Health	3
HSC 6629	Health Promotion for Priority Populations	3
HSC 6637	Social Marketing and Health	3
HSC 6646	Community Health Methods in Injury Prevention & Control	3
HSC 6665	Health Communication	3
HSC 6695	Worksite Health Promotion	3
HSC 6712	Evaluating Health Education Programs	3
HSC 6735	Research Methods in Health Education	3
HSC 6850	Internship in Health Education	1-12
HSC 6904	Readings in Health Education	1-3
HSC 6905	Independent Study	1-3
HSC 6910	Supervised Research	1-5
HSC 6935	Current Topics in Health Education	1-3
HSC 6940	Supervised Teaching	1-5
HSC 6971	Research for Master's Thesis	1-15
HSC 6973	Project in Lieu of Thesis	1-9
HSC 7904	Advanced Readings in Health Education	1-3
HSC 7905	Advanced Independent Study in Health Education	1-3
HSC 7937	Advanced Seminar in Health Education	1-3

Student Learning Outcomes

Health Education & Behavior (MS)

SLO 1 Knowledge
Identify, define, and describe principles and foundations of health education/promotion.

SLO 2 Skills
Assess needs, assets and capacity for health education/promotion.

SLO 3 Skills
Plan, implement, and conduct evaluation and research related to health education/promotion

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SLO 4 Skills

Administer and manage health education/promotion programs.

SLO 5 Skills

Serve as a health education/promotion resource person.

SLO 6 Skills

Communicate and advocate for health and health education and health promotion.

SLO 7 Skills

Illustrate the highest standards of conduct and ethical behavior when making professional decisions in accordance to the Unified Code of Ethics for the Health Education Profession (Coalition of National Health Education Organizations, 2011)