

HEALTH SCIENCES—PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION, M.S.

The goal of this specialization, leading to a Master of Science in Health Sciences, is to prepare students for careers related to health promotion and education. More specifically, the program prepares students to fulfill leadership roles in planning, management and evaluation of community health programs. Graduates may pursue job placements in a variety of settings including hospitals, managed care organizations, health departments, health insurance companies, health centers, senior citizens' agencies, substance abuse agencies and others. Students are able to continue their present employment while completing the 36-42 credit program.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses: 21 credits		
HLTH 605	Environmental Occupational Health and Safety	3
HLTH 614	Advanced Epidemiology	3
HLTH 615	Measurement and Interpretation of Data for Health Professionals	3
HLTH 616	Techniques Of Health Research	3
HLTH 626	Health Care Organization	3
HLTH 629	Health Education Theory and Practice	3
HLTH 660	Thesis or Departmental Projects	3

Code	Title	Credits
Must take 15 credits from restricted and general electives listed below		
Restricted Electives: Minimum of 6 credits		
HLTH 610	Contemporary Trends in Community Mental Health	3
HLTH 630	Trends and Issues in Substance Abuse	3
HLTH 637	Health Law	3
HLTH 638	Fiscal Management	3
HLTH 647	Health Disparities Among Diverse Populations: Class, Race, and Gender.	3
HLTH 654	Public Health Leadership	3

Code	Title	Credits
Elective Courses: Maximum of 9 credits		
HLTH 500	Managed Health Care	3
HLTH 504	Adolescent Health Psychosocial and Physical Health	3
HLTH 510	Health Sciences Field Study	3
HLTH 603	Coordinating School and Community Health Programs	3
HLTH 604	Community Nutrition	3
HLTH 612	Community Organization for Health	3
HLTH 617	Health Admin Theory&Practice	3
HLTH 618	Health Economics	3
HLTH 621	Seminar in Comprehensive Health Planning	3
HLTH 622	Health Personnel Management	3
HLTH 633	Consumer Health	3
HLTH 635	Public Health Issues of Immigration	3

HLTH 641	Methods and Curriculum Development in Health Education	3
HLTH 645	Family Life and Sex Education	3
HLTH 650	Development of Substance Awareness Programs	3

Total Required Credits 36

In addition to the 36 classroom credits, a supervised field placement of 8-12 weeks is required for students without at least two years of acceptable professional experience in the health field. Documentation of professional experience is required. Substitution of any of the above courses must be approved in writing by Department Chairperson.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Public Health Education Masters, students will be able to:

1. Utilize critical thinking skills to confront health issues.
2. Make use of basic health information and services in health-enhancing ways.
3. Effectively communicate (both orally and in writing) to convey beliefs, ideas, and information about health issues.
4. Make improvements in the health of communities.
5. Recognize, as culturally competent citizens, how racism, sexism, prejudice, and power impact on the health and well-being of people.