

HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION - PH.D.

College of Education Health and Human Services
School of Health Sciences
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About This Program

Elevate your career with the Health Education Ph.D. program. With experienced faculty, a flexible curriculum and opportunities for research and practical experience, you'll be prepared for leadership roles in the field. Read more...

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- Connect with an Admissions Counselor: U.S. Student | International Student

Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

Health education specialists

- 11.4% much faster than the average
- 62,200 number of jobs
- \$56,500 potential earnings

Community and social service specialists, all other

- 11.7% much faster than the average
- 105,200 number of jobs
- \$46,770 potential earnings

Community health workers

- 15.2% much faster than the average
- 64,900 number of jobs
- \$42,000 potential earnings

Medical and health services managers

- 31.5% much faster than the average
- 422,300 number of jobs
- \$104,280 potential earnings

Health specialties teachers, postsecondary

- 20.5% much faster than the average
- 254,000 number of jobs
- \$99,090 potential earnings

Recreation and fitness studies teachers, postsecondary

- 2.6% slower than the average
- 19,100 number of jobs
- \$66,290 potential earnings

Additional Careers

- Certified Health Education Specialist
- Community Health Educator
- Community Health Education Coordinator
- Diabetes Educator
- Health Educator
- Master Certified Health Education Specialist
- Public Health Educator

Accreditation

National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics'

Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

Admission Requirements

- Master's degree from an accredited college or university¹
- Minimum 2.750 graduate GPA on a 4.000-point scale (minimum 3.500 GPA is recommended)
- Official transcript(s)
- Résumé or curriculum vitae
- Goal statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- Interview
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive) by earning one of the following:²
 - Minimum 79 TOEFL iBT score
 - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
 - Minimum 58 PTE score
 - Minimum 110 DET score

The college will assess applicants holistically, considering academic credentials, related professional experiences, academic or professional references, scholarly activities and professional activities, among others.

¹ Students who are admitted to the Ph.D. degree without an equivalent master's degree in health education and promotion may be required to complete additional coursework, which will not be counted towards the degree.

² International applicants who do not meet the above test scores will not be considered for admission.

Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
 - Rolling admissions
- **Spring Semester**
 - Rolling admissions
- **Summer Term**
 - Rolling admissions

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
HED 80292	PRACTICUM IN HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION ¹	3
HED 81100	RESIDENCY SEMINAR: SYNTHESIS OF LITERATURE IN HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION	3
HED 81150	SEMINAR: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION	3
HED 81200	RESIDENCY SEMINAR: RESEARCH PROPOSAL, DEVELOPMENT AND PRESENTATION	3
HED 81400	RESEARCH DISSEMINATION AND TECHNICAL WRITING IN HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION	3
HED 81450	ADVANCED PROGRAM EVALUATION IN HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION	3
HED 81550	APPLIED THEORY IN HEALTH EDUCATION RESEARCH AND PRACTICE	3
RMS 75510	STATISTICS I FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	3
RMS 85515	QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH DESIGN AND ANALYSIS	3
RMS 85516	QUALITATIVE RESEARCH DESIGN	3
RMS 85517	ADVANCED QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH IN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	3
or RMS 85518	ADVANCED QUALITATIVE RESEARCH IN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	
Specialization Courses ²		6
Culminating Requirement		
HED 80199	DISSERTATION I ³	30
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		69

¹ State/Federal background checks may be required for practicum/ internship experiences.

² Students choose an area of specialization — such as school health, sexuality or substance abuse prevention — as developed with advisory phase committee.

³ Upon admission to candidacy, each doctoral candidate must register for HED 80199. It is expected that a doctoral candidate will continuously register for Dissertation I for a total of 30 credit hours, and thereafter HED 80299, each semester until all requirements for the degree have been met.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
-	3.000

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Assess needs, assets and capacity for health education.
2. Plan health education and promotion activities.
3. Implement health education and promotion programs.
4. Conduct program evaluation and research in health education.
5. Serve as health education resource person.
6. Administer and manage health education.
7. Communicate and advocate for health and health education.

Full Description

The Ph.D. degree in Health Education and Promotion emphasizes the interaction among the theoretical, empirical and applied nature of health education. Health education borrows from many disciplines, including community organization, education, medicine, biological science, psychology, statistics and communication.

Although the program is designed for health educators, applicants are drawn from a variety of fields, including health education, nursing, nutrition, the medical technologies and social sciences. The program is particularly appropriate for those seeking employment in higher education or career advancement within the broad scope of health education. Graduates work in schools, higher education, government agencies, hospitals and non-profit agencies.