



HEALTH EDUCATION, B.S.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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Degree Offering: B.S. in Public Health



Program Description:

The mission of the Department of Public Health is to provide quality learning experiences and professional preparation for students, and to promote excellence in learning, teaching, scholarship and community service. Students completing this concentration are prepared for careers as public health educators, health promotion specialist and wellness program directors in public health departments; voluntary and private health agencies; industry; health care facilities; professional health associations; and consulting firms. This program is approved by the Society of Public Health Education and the Association for the Advancement for Health Education (SOPHE/AAHE).

Career Opportunities in Public Health Education

Public health work is done in a wide variety of settings in the public and private sectors. Graduates of the baccalaureate program in Community Health are prepared to use their skills in a variety of government agencies, hospitals and other facilities of the health care system, community mental health agencies, employee health programs in business and industry, student health services on college campuses, and many non-profit health agencies in communities. Graduates have a comprehensive knowledge base in health science, and skills in planning educational programs, designing instructional materials, conducting community health needs assessments, working with mass media, writing grants to support program activities, conducting individual health assessments, and completing common administrative duties, such as budgeting and supervising volunteers. Graduates have gone on to find employment throughout Kentucky and in other states. Many students choose to pursue advanced degrees in public health, and this is strongly encouraged.

Bachelor of Public Health Education

The major in public health (reference 521) leads to the Bachelor of Science degree and does not require a minor or second major. The curriculum consists of a core 40-44 hours of course work the health education concentration consist of 30 hours of additional course work.

Minor

The minor in health education (reference number 389) requires a minimum of 23 semester hours. This minor provides a basic foundation for students desiring preparation in health promotion and disease prevention. The minor in health education may be used in combination with many majors to enhance student's career opportunities and as preparation for graduate study in a variety of health disciplines. Completion of the minor along with a teaching certifiable major leads to certification in health education. Required courses are BIOL 131, SFTY 171, and PH 261, 381, 461, 467 and 468. Nine credit hours of electives must be selected from the following courses with approval of the academic advisor: PH 456, 463, 465, 481 and CFS 111. Students utilizing the minor in health education for teacher certification must complete SEC 483, Teaching Health as a required support course.

Public Health Student Organization

Kentucky Public Health Association Public Health

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Admission

Students who have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours, including COMM 145, PH 100, PSY 100, BIOL 131 and CHEM 109, with an overall GPA of 2.3, qualify for admission into the program. Equivalents of these courses from other accredited institutions will be accepted, but the minimum GPA requirement must be met.

Public Health – Health Education

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2009-2010

Fall			First Year			Spring		
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ENG	100	3	Intro to College Writing	PSY	100	3	Intro to Psychology
CHHS	175	3	CHHS—University Experience	COMM		3	145 OR 161 Public Speaking
PH	100	3	Personal Health	MATH	116	3	Fund of College Algebra
		3	General Education Course	CHEM	109	4	Chemistry for the Health Sciences
BIOL	131	4	Human Anatomy & Physiology			3	General Education Course
Credit	Hours	16		Credit	Hours	16	

Fall			Second Year			Spring		
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PH	261	3	Found of Health Education	PH	381	3	Community Health
BIOL	207	3	General Microbiology	ENG	200	3	Intro to Literature
BIOL	208	1	General Microbiology Lab			3	General Elective (CIS 145 suggested)
		3	General Education Course (Foreign Lang)			3	General Elective
HIST		3	119 OR 120 Western Civilization	SFTY	171	1	Safety & First Aid
						3	General Elective
Credit	Hours	16		Credit	Hours	16	

Fall			Third Year			Spring		
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ENG	300	3	Writing in the Disciplines	PH	384	3	Intro to Epidemiology
		3	General Elective	PH	385	3	Environmental Health
PH	383	3	Biostatistics in the Health Sciences	PH		3	PH Elective
PH	461	3	Comprehensive School Health Program			3	General Elective
PH		3	PH Elective			3	General Elective
Credit	Hours	15		Credit	Hours	15	

Fall			Fourth Year			Spring		
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PH	483	3	Administration of Health Programs	PH	484	3	Community Organization for Health Ed
PH	485	3	Methods in Community Health Education	PH		3	PH Elective
PH		3	PH Elective	PH	490	6	Internship
		3	General Education Course				
		2	General Elective				
Credit	Hours	14		Credit	Hours	12	

Total Credit Hours = 120

Electives (12 hours required). Choose from the following and consult with your advisor.

HCIS 290, CFS 111, HCA 340, SFTY 270, PH 365, PH 382, PH 390, PH 402, PH 443, PH 444, PH 460, PH 464, PH 467, and PH 468

Student must maintain a “C” or better in each course in the major