MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH EDUCATION

Description and Outcomes

The Master of Science in Health Education program helps prepare you to pursue a variety of career opportunities within the health education and promotion industry. The curriculum is designed to provide you with content knowledge and skills in the broad areas of public health education and community health. Additionally, you will study concepts, values, research methods, and applications that could help you prepare for leadership positions within health services organizations.

The curriculum has been designed to train you to meet the demands of the health education and public health workforce. You will receive training in the seven areas of responsibility for health education specialists—as identified by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. (NCHEC). Through successful completion of the program, you will learn how to plan, develop, implement, evaluate, and lead health programs to improve the lives of a community, advocate for change within society or an organization, and communicate health marketing efforts to engage underserved populations. Since the discipline of health education/promotion is a narrow field of study within public health, you will also study the foundational knowledge areas of public health, in addition to the health education specialty. The fundamental knowledge areas of public health include health data statistical analysis, epidemiology (i.e., study of diseases within populations), environmental health (i.e., biological, physical, and chemical factors affecting community health), health services administration, and the social/behavioral sciences (i.e., study of human behaviors related to public health). Through successful completion of the program, you will learn how to leverage a health system or organization to accomplish program goals through critical thinking and creative problem solving.

The program’s pedagogical approach considers all degree candidates as future leaders within an organization and the health industry. The curriculum uses multiple approaches to teach the skills used by health professionals, with an emphasis on standard deliverables required by most health organizations. The curriculum ensures that graduates are prepared for the various positions within a career’s trajectory.

Fieldwork Experience

You could build practical experience and strengthen your resume through fieldwork opportunities that provide onsite training. You are responsible for participating in locating, selecting, and obtaining an agreement with an appropriate site that best fits your location preferences and meets program requirements. You are required to speak with the Clinical Placement Team to determine your exact responsibilities and process for site selection.

Program Length

The Master of Science in Health Education program consists of a minimum of 56 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of the program, you will be awarded a master of science degree.

Program Outcomes

1. Knowledge Base: Exhibit a sound foundational knowledge of the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, and historical trends in health education and health promotion.

2. Application: Employ the concepts, principles, and methods of health education in designing and analyzing health education programs.


4. Global Awareness: Communicate an understanding of multicultural literacy in the fields of health education and wellness promotion.

5. Ethics and Professionalism: Support the professional standards outlined in the Health Education Code of Ethics through leadership and community stewardship.

Professional Competencies

In addition to the discipline-specific outcomes, professional competencies are integrated throughout your academic program. You can review the professional competencies associated with your academic program in the Professional Competencies (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/professional-competencies/) section of this Catalog.

Program Availability

For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accreditation-approvals-memberships/) section and Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf).

Policies

Admissions Requirements

You must meet the below admissions requirements in addition to Purdue Global’s general requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/).

You must have an approved criminal background check (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/).

Progression Requirements

Purdue Global does not require submission of an updated background check, immunization, or health records; however, if your selected fieldwork site requires such records, you are responsible for providing the required documentation to your chosen site.

You should be aware that health care organizations may have specific requirements regarding vaccination against communicable diseases including COVID and Influenza. Failure to comply with requirements could interfere with the opportunity to complete a required practicum, fieldwork, or internship experience, may delay graduation or lead to an inability to complete your program, and could impact future employment opportunities.

You may not use transfer credits to replace PU550 Public Health Leadership and Administration. This course must be completed at Purdue Global.

Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams

Certain state certification and licensure boards have specific educational requirements for programs to lead to a license or nongovernmental certification that is a precondition for employment in a recognized occupation.

Unless otherwise specified, Purdue Global’s programs are not designed to meet any specific state’s licensure or certification requirements. If
certain licensed occupations, vocations, or professions are not explicitly listed, Purdue Global has not reviewed the licensure or certification requirements of those occupations, vocations, or professions, nor intended the program to meet such requirements. Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global’s Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf) to determine enrollment eligibility.

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, meeting other certification requirements, or the program or the University itself having appropriate accreditation or licensure.

Degree Plan

The icon appears in the title of traditional courses that are also available as a set of module courses. Module course availability may be limited to certain academic calendars. See Course Types (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/approach-to-learning/) for information about module courses.

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