

## Fall 2008—Spring 2009

**To:** Prospective UNF MPH Program Students

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Thank you for your interest in the University of North Florida's Master of Public Health Program, a 48 credit hour program.

UNF's MPH Program equips students with a broad understanding of the core areas of public health. MPH graduates will be able to integrate and apply this knowledge to address public health problems, and will possess skills and competencies necessary for public health practice. The program focuses on factors that influence population health including socioeconomic conditions, cultural beliefs and practices, behavioral risk factors and environmental exposures and host factors. The MPH degree is appropriate for those who want to pursue careers in health programs in a wide range of public and private institutions. The MPH program is aligned with the Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals as defined by the Council on Linkages between Academic and Public Health Practice and recommendations of the Association of Schools of Public Health MPH Core Competency Development Project.

At the completion of this degree program, students are eligible to take the national examination for certification in health education (Certified Health Education Specialist, CHES). The CHES title is awarded to those who have met the standards of quality established by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing Inc (NCHEC). The MPH program is aligned with the 10 graduate competencies put forth by NCHEC. Students are encouraged to become members of the UNF student chapter of the Florida Association of Professional Health Educators, and to apply for membership in Eta Sigma Gamma, a national Health Education Honorary.

### **MPH Program Mission, Goals, Objectives and Values**

Graduate Learning Outcome Statement

#### **Master of Public Health**

### **Degree Requirements at a Glance**

#### **Core Requirements (27 hours)**

HSA 6114 3.0 Health Organization and Delivery  
HSC 6215 3.0 Environmental Health and Safety  
HSC 6505 3.0 Epidemiology and Disease Control  
HSC 6512 3.0 Applied Health Statistics  
HSC 6603 3.0 Theory of Health Behavior  
HSC 6735 3.0 Health Science Research  
PHC 5370 3.0 Biological Foundations of Public Health

PHC 6103 3.0 Essentials of Public Health Practice  
PHC 6412 3.0 Culture And Health

### **Concentration Requirements (15 hours)**

HSC 6585 3.0 Health Promotion and Health Education Strategies  
HSC 6587 3.0 Program Planning in Health Promotion/Education  
HSC 6706 3.0 Grantsmanship  
HSC 6716 3.0 Health Program Evaluation  
PHC 6450 3.0 Community Organization in Public Health Practice

### **Capstone Experience (6 hours)**

PHC 6940 6.0 Public Health Capstone  
Students can take this course in their last semester (6 credits) or can spread over the last two semesters (3 credits per semester).

### **Comprehensive Examination**

A comprehensive examination is taken during the final semester of enrollment (in the capstone course). Each student must pass this exam in order to graduate.

**Applications are being accepted for the MPH degree.**

**UNF currently admits one group of MPH students per year each fall semester.**

**The following information must be submitted to the Graduate School by the University deadline of the semester applying.**

This is a brief overview of the admission and other program requirements.  
For other questions not addressed in this letter, you may find answers at the Brooks College of Health: <http://www.unf.edu/brooks> or UNF website: <http://www.unf.edu> or the Graduate School: <http://www.unf.edu/graduatestudies/>

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### **Admission Requirements and Procedures**

Admission is handled initially through the UNF Graduate School. Please see the Graduate School Website for applications and more detailed information.

**Application & Application Fee** - Students seeking admission must submit a graduate student application and application fee to the Graduate School. The application fee is a one-time processing fee; therefore, former UNF degree-seeking students may not need to pay again.

### **Graduate Studies and MPH Program Checklist of Required Application Materials (The deadline for receipt of all application materials is April 1.)**

- Graduate Application form
- US \$30 Application fee (payable to "University of North Florida" or "UNF")
- Official transcripts from every college or university you attended
- Official GRE scores (all students)

- International Students Only: A course-by-course official transcript evaluation
- International Students Only: Official TOEFL scores
- Current curriculum vita (resume)
- Brief typewritten statement of purpose (no more than 2 pages) explaining why you wish to obtain an MPH degree and how obtaining the degree will help you to meet your professional goals
- Letters of reference are **NOT** requested

**In addition to satisfying general University criteria for admission into a graduate program, admission to the MPH program also requires:**

- Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0/4.0 (B) or higher, during last ~60 hours (upper division coursework) of undergraduate study; this GPA requirement also applies for any previous graduate degrees.
- A GRE score with a minimum combined score of 1000 on verbal and quantitative sections, with a minimum of 400 on each individual section.

Please note that ***admission to the MPH Program is competitive*** among all applicants that meet the minimum criteria for consideration. Just meeting the minimum criteria listed above does not guarantee admission. The number of students admitted each year will depend upon available openings. If you have any questions concerning the submission of academic and/or personal credentials, please contact the Graduate School (904) 620-1360 or email: [graduatestudies@unf.edu](mailto:graduatestudies@unf.edu).

Information regarding Graduate Assistantships through the Brooks College of Health can be obtained from the BCH webpage at <http://www.unf.edu/brooks/academic/bchsch.html>. Application forms and instructions are available online. Please follow the instructions listed there. Additional graduate student funding opportunities may be described on the Graduate School webpage.

Some Helpful Links:

- [Graduate Catalog](#)
- [Graduate School web page](#)
- [Graduate School application form](#) (pdf)
- [Online Application](#)

***FOR MORE INFORMATION***

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