

Master of Public Health

Major: Community Health

Concentration: Health Promotion/Health Education

The University of North Florida's Master of Public (MPH) Program equips students with a broad understanding of the core areas of public health and its related disciplines. MPH graduates are able to integrate and apply this knowledge to address public health problems, and will possess basic skills and competencies necessary for public health practice. The program focuses on factors that influence population health including behavioral risk factors, cultural beliefs and practices, socioeconomic conditions, and environmental exposures. 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 Academia and Public Health Practice, and the Association of Schools of Public Health Core Competency Project.

Additionally, students receive preparation in the concentration area of **Health Promotion and Health Education**, enabling them to enter a career in planning, implementing, managing and evaluating health promotion and disease prevention programs as well as conducting research.

At the completion of this degree program, students are eligible to take the national examination for certification in health education (Certified Health Education Specialist). 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 graduate educational competencies put forth by NCHEC. Students are encouraged to become members of the UNF student chapter of the Florida Association of Professional Health Educators, the UNF Public Health Association, and to apply for membership in Eta Sigma Gamma, a National Health Education Honorary.

ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

In addition to satisfying general University criteria for admission into a graduate program, the following are required for admission to the Master of Public Health program: Grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (B) or higher on all work attempted as an upper-division student, normally 60 semester hours taken during the last two years of undergraduate study and any graduate degrees **AND** a GRE score taken within the past five years with a minimum combined score of 1000 on the verbal and quantitative sections, with a minimum of 400 on each individual section.

GRE scores are mandatory and must be received prior to being fully admitted into the graduate program. In addition to the above stated admission requirements, students should have an undergraduate degree supporting graduate study in public health. Students not satisfying the latter condition may be admitted with permission of the MPH Program Director after examining and discussing their prior preparation for the MPH Program curriculum.

Required application materials (the deadline for receipt of all application materials is April 1st.);

- Graduate application form and application fee
- Official transcripts from all colleges you attended
- Official GRE scores (all applicants)
- 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.

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

Applications for Admission are to be submitted to The Graduate School at the University of North Florida. Questions about the Admission Process can be directed to The Graduate School at the University of North Florida (904) 620-1360.

PROGRAM COURSES

Core Requirements		(27 Semester Hours)
HSA	6114 Health Organization and Delivery	3
HSC	6215 Environmental Health and Safety	3
HSC	6505 Epidemiology and Disease Control	3
HSC	6512 Applied Health Statistics	3
HSC	6603 Theory of Health Behavior	3
HSC	6735 Health Science Research	3
PHC	5370 Biological Foundations of Public Health	3
PHC	6103 Essentials of Public Health Practice	3
PHC	6412 Culture and Health	3

Major Requirements		(15 Semester Hours)
HSC	6585 Health Promotion and Health Education Strategies	3
HSC	6587 Program Planning in Health Promotion/Health Education	3
HSC	6706 Grantsmanship	3
HSC	6716 Health Program Evaluation	3
PHC	6450 Community Organization in Public Health Practice	3

Capstone (6 Semester Hours)		(6 Semester Hours)
PHC	6940 Public Health Capstone	6

TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS **48**

Note: A comprehensive examination is required. The exam is taken during the final semester, after completion of all other required coursework. Passing the exam is required to obtain the degree.



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