Health Science - Community Health

Program Mission Statement

The mission of the Community Health program is to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed for entry-level community health positions, Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) certification, and graduate studies. Students will experience an engaged learning environment through active class participation, community focused activities, and a culminating professional internship. Graduates will be trained to plan, implement and evaluate health programs, develop theoretically based health education or prevention strategies, and demonstrate problem solving, critical thinking, and technical skills. Through excellence in teaching, research, and service the UNF Community Health Program will meet the growing needs of enhancing health at both the individual and community levels.

Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

Content/Discipline-Specific Knowledge/Skills

• Plan health education strategies, interventions and programs.
• Implement health education strategies, interventions and programs.
• Administer health education strategies, interventions and programs.

Communication Skills

• Serve as a health education resource person.
• Communicate and advocate for health and health education.

Critical Thinking Skills

• Assess individual and community needs for health education.
• Conduct evaluation and research related to health education.

Assessment Approaches

Communication skills are assessed through course assignments that require students to assemble and communicate health education information. Discipline-specific content knowledge and skills are assessed through course assignments that require students to plan, deliver and administer programs that respond to community needs for health education. Critical thinking is assessed through course assignments that require students to evaluate and conduct research on community needs for health education.