

HEALTH EDUCATION M.S.

Health Education Mission

The mission of the Health Education program of Saint Joseph's University is to empower graduates to support and promote the health and well-being of individuals and communities through evidence-based programs and practices. The program, leading to a Master's degree in Health Education, is designed to promote professional and personal development by providing graduates with the knowledge and skills to support public health through health education. The curriculum is based on the responsibilities and competencies of Certified Health Education Specialists (National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc., 2010). Core courses cover the history and philosophy of medicine and public health, assessing community or individual health needs, planning, implementing, and evaluating health promotion programs, and health communications.

Learning Goals and Outcomes

Goal 1: Graduates of the Masters of Science degree in Health Education will be able to lead and coordinate effective health promotion programs in communities.

Objective 1.1: Graduates will be able to complete needs assessments, plan, design, implement and evaluate health education programs.

Objective 1.2: Graduates will be able to apply health models and theories to professional practice.

Goal 2: Graduates of the Masters of Science degree in Health Education program will demonstrate information literacy in health education.

Objective 2.1: Graduates will be able to analyze regional, national and global health data, critically evaluate the data, and draw conclusions.

Objective 2.2: Graduates will be able to critically evaluate and apply current research in health education practice.

Goal 3: Graduates of the Masters of Science degree in Health Education program will be able to communicate effectively using the language of professional health educators.

Objective 3.1: Graduates will be able to write grants and technical reports.

Objective 3.2: Graduates will be able to tailor oral and written communications to a wide range of audiences.

Goal 4: Graduates of the Masters of Science degree in Health Education Program will understand and follow ethical codes of conduct.

Objective 4.1: Graduates will follow and promote ethical conduct reflecting Jesuit values of respect for persons and social justice.

Objective 4.2: Graduates will act as global citizens, holding personal and career objectives that honor and serve the beneficence of people in need.

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The M.S. in Health Education requires completion of eleven courses (33 credits hours) including seven core courses and four electives. Core courses should be completed early in the program.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
Seven required		21
HED 550	Hist & Phil Med & Pub Health	3
HED 552	Epidemiology and Com Health	3
HED 553	Program Planning for Wellness	3
HED 557	Determinants: Health-Behavior	3
HED 564	Health Communications	3
HSV 550	Health Services Research	3
HED 700	Health Education Capstone	3
Electives		
Select four of the following:		12
HED 551	Map Hlth Res, Pln, Pol Dev&Mkt	3
HED 554	Curric Strat for Hlth Educatrs	3
HED 556	Foundations of Global Health	3
HED 558	Mental Illness and Addictions	3
HED 559	Human Aging and Dying	3
HED 561	Human Sexuality	3
HED 574	Concepts of Nutrition & Health	3
HED 575	Stress and Crisis Management	3
HED 600	Dir Research in Hlth Ed	3
HED 601	Fieldwork in Health Education	3
HED 770	Special Topics in Hlth Educatn	3
HAD 552	Health Administration	3
MHI 560	Health Informatics	3