

Minor in Community Health

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HLTH04 Foundations of Health Education	1.5 sh
HLTH215 Community Health	1.5 sh
HLTH410 Community Health Organizations	3.0 sh
Total - 6 credits of required courses	

Select 4 courses (minimum of 12 credits) from the following courses.

At least 6 credits must be level 300 or higher.

HLTH200 Introduction to Disease	3.0 sh
HLTH208 Stress Management & Life Skills for Health Promotion	3.0 sh
HLTH2XX Program Planning	3.0 sh
HLTH307 Culture and Health	3.0 sh
HLTH315 Consumer Health OR HLTH334 Teaching Nutrition and Consumer Health	3.0 sh
HLTH320 Drug Education OR HLTH336 Teaching Drug Education	3.0 sh
HLTH330 School Health Programs	3.0 sh
HLTH325 Death Education	3.0 sh
HLTH341 Teaching Human Sexuality	3.0 sh
HLTH401 Current Health Issues	3.0 sh
HLTH402 Evaluation in Health Organization	2.0 sh
HLTH430 Women's Health Issues	3.0 sh
HLTH470 Sex Education	3.0 sh
HLTH485 Field Experience –Must be Community Health Setting	varies
Total - 12 credits minimum required	

Total of 18 (minimum)

The minor in Community Health is based out of the Health Science Department and is designed to provide students with the skills and tools to identify community health needs utilize problem solving abilities, mobilize resources to develop, promote, implement, and facilitate strategies to improve health status. The community Health minor will help the student develop skills in identifying the behavioral and environmental causes of community health concerns, facilitating community organizing and out reach efforts, identifying and writing appropriate grant funding, understanding and responding to data driven statistics concerning current and future health status, develop grass root coalition building, and developing, producing and evaluation media campaigns.

Information regarding eligibility for certification as a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES)

Individuals completing at least 25 semester hours of course work with specific preparation addressing the Area of Responsibility for Health Educators (see below) are eligible to sit for the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) exam.

Health educators are professionals who design, conduct and evaluate activities that help improve the health of all people. These activities can take place in a variety of settings that include schools, communities, health care facilities, businesses, universities and government agencies.

Health educators are employed under a range of job titles such as patient educators, health education teachers, health coaches, community organizers, public health educators, and health program managers. Certified Health Education Specialists (CHES) are those who have met the standards of competence established by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing Inc. (NCHEC) and have successfully passed the CHES examination. The CHES designation after a health educator's name is one indication of professional competency and commitment to continued professional development.

Source: National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. <http://www.nchech.org>

Areas of Responsibility for Health Educators

- Assess individual and community needs for health education
- Plan effective health education strategies, interventions, and programs
- Implement health education strategies, interventions, and programs
- Conduct evaluation and research related to health education
- Administer health education strategies, interventions, and programs
- Serve as a health education resource person
- Communicate and advocate for health and health education

For a complete listing of the Responsibilities and Competencies visit The National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. @ www.nchech.org

For those planning to take the CHES exam: We recommend the following courses be included in the 25 credits required to sit for the CHES exam

HLTH 104 Foundations of Health Education
HLTH 215 Community Health
HLTH 2XX Program Planning
HLTH 402 Evaluation of Health Education and Promotion Programs
HLTH 410 Community Health Organization Management
HLTH 334 or HLTH 336 or HLTH 341 A "Teaching of" Course
HLTH 485 Field Experience in a community health setting