HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION - M.ED.

College of Education Health and Human Services
School of Health Sciences
www.kent.edu/ehhs/hs

Examples of Possible Careers*

Education teachers, postsecondary
- 4.8% about as fast as the average
- 77,300 number of jobs
- $65,440 potential earnings

Middle school teachers, except special and career/technical education
- 3.6% about as fast as the average
- 627,100 number of jobs
- $60,810 potential earnings

Secondary school teachers, except special and career/technical education
- 3.8% about as fast as the average
- 1,050,800 number of jobs
- $62,870 potential earnings

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Fully Offered
- Delivery:
  • In person
- Location:
  • Kent Campus

Admission Terms
- Fall
- Spring
- Summer

*Note
Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Description

The Master of Education degree in Health Education and Promotion is designed to enable individuals to pursue their diverse interests in the field while addressing the competencies essential to the professional development of health educators.

Students in the program utilize theoretical models of attitude and behavioral change in assessing educational needs, designing educational interventions, evaluating the effectiveness of program efforts, and advocating for creative and competent health education opportunities. These skills prepare graduates for various employment positions in local, state and national government; K-12 schools and community colleges; health care facilities; worksite wellness programs; and nonprofit organizations.

The Health Education and Promotion major comprises the following concentrations:

- The Community Health concentration provides background for those who will be involved in positions of leadership in a wide variety of health-related community settings, as well as for those who plan to pursue doctoral work in fields related to health education and health promotion. Students in the concentration can pursue certification as a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) or Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES).

- The School Health Licensure concentration enables graduates to teach health in schools or pursue diverse interests in the field. Competencies essential to school health education are addressed. Students in the concentration can pursue an additional Ohio teaching license that requires students to already have an initial teaching license.

Accreditation

The School Health Licensure concentration is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 2.750 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000-point scale (effective spring 2023 admission)
- Official transcript(s)
- Current Ohio teaching license (required for School Health Licensure concentration only)
- Goal statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  • Minimum 550 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  • Minimum 79 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  • Minimum 77 MELAB score
  • Minimum 79 IELTS score
  • Minimum 58 PTE score
  • Minimum 110 Duolingo English test score

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.
Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Assess needs, assets and capacity for health education
2. Plan health education and promotion activities
3. Implement health education and promotion programs in schools and communities
4. Conduct program evaluation and research in health education
5. Advocate for health and health education
6. Communicate effectively with a variety of audiences using appropriate theory, methods and channels
7. Administer and manage health education
8. Serve as an authoritative resource on health education and promotion practices in accordance with established ethical principles

Professional Licensure Disclosure
This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State’s website for professional licensure disclosure.

Program Requirements
Major Requirements

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Concentrations
Choose from the following: 

- Community Health
- School Health Licensure

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 33

Community Health Concentration Requirements

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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 15

Field Experience and Licensure Information for the School Health Licensure Concentration
Students in the School Health Licensure concentration will complete a minimum of 50 ODHE-required field experience hours. State or Federal background checks may be required for practicum/internship experiences.

Candidates seeking Ohio licensure are required to pass specific assessments in order to apply for licensure. Students should consult their advisors for specific program requirements and refer to the Ohio Department of Education-Educator Preparation website for more information on assessments specific to licensure type.

Graduation Requirements
M.Ed. degree candidates have six years from the term of first enrollment to complete the degree.