



Community Health Education

Ila Faye Miller School of Nursing & Health Professions

Program Overview

The Bachelors' degree offered by the University of the Incarnate Word in Community Health Education (CHED) is designed to prepare individuals in the study and improvement of health promotion for individual/communities based on their needs. In the program students will design, implement, and evaluated community health programs. Students will learn the domains of competency within public/community health education such as behavioral health, health policy research, epidemiology, and chronic and communicable disease. The program is also aligned with the educational requirements for the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) examination, offered through the National Commission for Health Credentialing.

Professional School Opportunities

The degree provides graduates with foundational knowledges addressing the domains of the seven areas of responsibility set by the National Commission for Health Credentialing. This allows for our graduates to further pursue graduate studies in Public Health, Health Administration and Health Informatics to list a few.

Career Opportunities

Community Health Educators serve as a liasion/link/intermediary between health/social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality of life. Upon graduation, students who have successfully completed all of the degree requirements will be prepared to begin their careers in non-school health settings, such as public health departments, hospitals, worksite health promotion, and non-profit community agencies. The field is rapidly expanding into new areas of health and community wellness as community health practitioners continue to improve chronic disease management program, health insurance enrollment, immunization drives, HIV/AIDS treatment, access to mental health services and maternal-child health interventions.

Requirements

Entry to the Community Health Education major requires a completion of all prerequisite courses with minimum grade point average of 2.0.

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