

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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DEGREE/MAJOR SEQUENCING PLAN (4 Years)



Degree/Major: BS – Community Health Education Catalog: 2019-2020

Total Credit Hours: 120 Upper Level Hours: 43 Major Hours: 77

	FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER
7	Semester Hours: 16	Semester Hours: 15
FRESHMAN	ENGL 1311- Composition I (3) Natural Science (4 semester hours) CHEM 1405 Science in Everyday Life (4) PSYC 1301 Intro to Psychology (3) PEHP-Physical Education Core requirement (1)	ENGL 1312 Composition II (3) CHED 2310 Health Science (3) MATH 2303 Intro to Statistic (3) PHIL 1381 Introduction of Philosophy (3) Foreign Language I (3)
ш	Semester Hours: 15	Semester Hours: 15
SOPHOMORE	ENGL 2310 World Literature (3) PSYC 2356 Lifespan Development (3) PSYC 3385 Multicultural Issues (3) NUTR 2341 Introduction to Nutrition (3) Foreign Language II (3)	REG Religion (3) History (3) NUTR 2400 Environmental Nutrition (4) DWHP 1200 Dimension of Wellness (2) PHIL 3333 Applied Ethics (3)
	Semester Hours: 15	Semester Hours: 15
JUNIOR	PSYC 4320 Health Psychology (3) NUTR 3342 Nutrition in the Life Cycle (3) CHED 3310 Community Health Promotion (3) CHED 2320 CHED I: Intro to Community Health (3) CHED 3330 Communicable/Chronic Disease (3)	CHED 3320 Fundamentals of Health Policy (3) CHED 3340 Fundamentals of Human Performance (3) PSYC 3340 Drug Use Prevention and Community Psychology (3) CHED 2330 CHED II: Principles of Community Health Education (3) CHED 4310 Public Health and Epidemiology (3)
	Semester Hours: 15	Semester Hours: 15
SENIOR	CHED 4320 Community Health Program Planning and Evaluation (3) CHED 4330 Community Health Communication and Education Skills (3) CHED 3305 Research Method for Community Health (3) Fine Arts (3) Elective* (3)	CHED 4108 Community Health Education Internship (10) CHED 4250 Senior Seminar (2) Elective* (3)

^{*} Courses listed in red are UIW Core Curriculum requirements. These courses are generally offered in the fall, spring, and summer semesters.

^{*}Courses listed in black are requirements of the major.

^{*}Courses highlighted in blue require admission to the program