

Health Education & Behavior BS/MS program



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Department of Health Education & Behavior



- The Department of Health Education & Behavior, with a foundation in the social and biological sciences, focuses on health information and theory application.
- Students learn techniques to promote healthy lifestyle choices in individual and group settings, with special attention given to diversity and culturally appropriate health education methodologies.

Health Education Careers



- **Local, state or national governmental health agencies**
 - State or County Health Departments, CDC, NIH
- **Voluntary public health units**
 - American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, Planned Parenthood
- **Employee-assistance programs**
 - Smoking cessation sessions, nutritional guidelines, stress relief, injury prevention, running an on-site gym
- **Corporate or hospital-based wellness centers**
- **Graduate programs in health education or related fields**
 - Public health, health administration, epidemiology and disease prevention
- **Preparation for professional health programs**

Combined Degree Program



- Developed to provide academically talented students an opportunity to complete a bachelor's and a master's degree in a shorter period of time.
- Allows students to double-count graduate courses toward both degrees, thereby reducing the time it would normally take to graduate by a semester or more.
- Each program determines its own qualifications for eligibility, and most include a minimum cumulative GPA requirement and a strong GRE score.
- Students who meet the combined-degree application requirements can enroll in 12 credits of graduate courses during the junior and senior years.
- These credits will satisfy the undergraduate degree requirements, and if admitted to graduate school at UF, the 12 credits will also satisfy graduate degree requirements if the courses are completed with grades of B or better.

HEB BS/MS Program



- Bachelor's degree from any degree program at UF and a Master's of Science degree from the Department of Health Education and Behavior with 12 credit hours of graduate coursework counting toward both degrees.
- Allows the Master's degree to be attained within one year (two semesters, 18 credits).
- The MS in Health Education & Behavior is designed for students seeking an advanced practitioner's degree.
- This degree prepares health education specialists to work in local, state, and federal health agencies, voluntary health organizations, patient care settings, and private industries.

Undergraduate Admission Criteria



1. **Sophomore or Junior status**
 - ❖ Able to complete 4 graduate-level HSC courses during junior and senior years;
 - ❖ Able to graduate within original 4 years, 8 terms (on-time)
2. **Maintain 3.2 UF GPA**
3. **Approval from undergraduate program**
 - ❖ Complete proposed graduation timeline/plan
4. **Schedule an appointment with Holly T. Moses (<http://advising.hhp.ufl.edu/>) to complete the BS/MS program application**

HEB BS/MS Courses



Choose 4 to complete during junior and senior years:

- HSC 5138 Human Sexuality Education
- HSC 5135 Emotional Health & Counseling
- HSC 5142 Drug Education
- HSC 5576 Nutrition Education for Special Populations
- HSC 6935 HIV/AIDS Education
- HSC 6625 Trends in International Health
- HSC 6646 Methods of Injury Prevention & Control
- HSC 6695 Worksite Health Promotion
- HSC 6935 Current Topics in Health Education (rotates)

Graduate Admission Criteria



- Apply to the HEB Master of Science program during the final semester of the senior year (Spring or Summer)
- Submit all application materials the graduate program assistant during the final semester of the senior year
- Contact Melissa Naidu (michie@hhp.ufl.edu) for more information about the MS program and application requirements

Graduation Timeline/Plan



Map CURRENT to LAST undergraduate semester:

1. Map remaining degree requirements for your undergraduate major
2. Add 4 graduate-level HSC courses during junior and senior years
 1. HEB ugrads: 4 graduate-level HSC sub for 4 HSC specialization courses
 2. Non-HEB ugrads: 4 graduate-level HSC sub for 12 elective credits

BS/MS Program Reminders



- Application does not guarantee admission to the BS/MS program
 - Must have undergraduate and graduate program permission
- If admitted, must complete all 4 graduate-level HSC courses during junior and senior years with a B or better, and within original graduation timeline
- Must maintain 3.2 UF GPA
- Must apply to the HEB MS program
 - Admission into the BS/MS program does NOT guarantee admission into the MS program
- Must begin MS program the Fall term after UF undergraduate graduation in order for the 12 graduate credits to count towards MS program

BS/MS applications DUE March 5



Important HEB Websites:

- BS/MS program information
 - http://hhp.ufl.edu/heb/acad/unde/combined_degree.php
- MS program information
 - <http://hhp.ufl.edu/heb/acad/grad/masters30.php>
- HEB undergraduate advisor
 - Holly T. Moses: hmoses@hhp.ufl.edu
 - Schedule: <http://advising.hhp.ufl.edu/>
- HEB graduate program assistant
 - Melissa Naidu: michie@hhp.ufl.edu

Questions

