

Thesis Option (30 Credits)

Master of Science (M.S.) in Health Education and Behavior

Department of Health Education & Behavior

University of Florida

The 30-credit *Thesis Option*, in the Master of Science (M.S.) in Health Education and Behavior degree program were designed for students interested in improving their research skills through conducting evaluation projects and empirical studies, as well as pursuing advanced graduate study, particularly the doctoral degree. Students typically can complete these options in about 4 semesters.

Core Coursework (Required: 18 credits)

Number	Title	Credits	Term Offered
HSC 6037	Philosophy & Principles of Health Education	3	F
HSC 6318	Planning Health Education Programs	3	S
HSC 6506	Epidemiology	3	S
HSC 6603	Theories of Health Behavior and Practice	3	F
HSC 6712	Evaluating Health Education Programs	3	F
HSC 6735	Research Methods in Health Education	3	S

Elective Coursework

Tier I (complete 3 credits from among these courses)

Number	Title	Credits	Term Offered
HSC 5956	Writing for Professional Publications	3	F
HSC 6637	Social Marketing and Health	3	S
HSC 6665	Health Communication	3	F

Tier II (complete 3 credits from among these courses)

Number	Title	Credits	Term Offered
HSC 5135	Emotional Health Education	3	F, S
HSC 5138	Human Sexuality Education	3	F, S
HSC 5142	Drug Education	3	F, S
HSC 5536C	Medical Terminology for the Health Professions	3	F, S, Sum
HSC 5576	Nutrition Education for Special Populations	3	F
HSC 5618	Advanced Exercise Therapy, Adapted Physical Activity, & Health	3	S
HSC 5925	Determinants of Obesity	3	F
HSC 6235	Patient Health Education	3	F, S
HSC 6575	Women's Health Issues	3	S
HSC 6595	HIV/AIDS Education	3	F
HSC 6629	Health Promotion Programs for Priority Populations	3	S
HSC 6646	Community Injury Prevention and Control	3	F

HSC 6695	Worksite Health Promotion	3	S
HSC 6935	Current Topics in Health Education	3	Variable
HSC 6850	Internship in Health Education	Var	F, S, Sum
HSC 6904	Readings in Health Education	Var	F, S, Sum
HSC 6905	Independent Study in Health Education	Var	F, S, Sum
HSC 6910	Supervised Research	Var	F, S, Sum
HSC 6940	Supervised Teaching	Var	F, S, Sum

*Course availability may vary depending on Department priorities particularly during the summer session

Note: 1000-4000 level courses within the department and 1000-2000 level courses outside the department are not eligible to count toward the graduate degree requirements. You must obtain approval from your adviser before registering for any 1000-4000 level courses.

Thesis Coursework (6 credits)

Number	Title	Credits	Term Offered
HSC 6971	Masters Research	6	F, S, Sum

**Prior to graduating, each student must successfully complete his/her thesis and present the work in written form meeting the guidelines approved by the University of Florida Graduate School. The student also must orally present and defend their work before their thesis committee in an open forum.

Transfer of Credit

M.S. students can request transfer of up to 9 credits of previous health education graduate coursework, or 12 credits from an approved combined degree program (no more than 7 years old) toward requirements for the M.S. degree. Only graduate lecture coursework with grades of B or higher may be considered for transfer (no readings, independent study, supervised teaching, supervised research, internship, thesis credit, etc.).

Certified Health Education Specialist Examination (CHES)

During the final semester of their programs, students must provide the Graduate Program Coordinator with documentation which confirms that the student has registered to complete the CHES examination. Students who plan to graduate during the summer must sit for the April exam. Students must visit the [National Commission on Health Education Credentialing website](#) to determine dates, locations, and registration procedures for the CHES examination. Students cover registration charges and any other costs related to completing the examination.