

Health Education & Behavior *Combined Degree Program*



UF | **College of Health
& Human Performance**
*Department of Health
Education and Behavior*
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

Department of Health Education & Behavior

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- 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.

Bridging the gap between scientific knowledge and public understanding of health to promote healthier living.

Health Education Careers

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- **Local, state or national public health agencies**
 - State or County Health Departments, CDC, NIH
- **Non-profit health organizations**
 - American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, Planned Parenthood
- **Private sector health promotion programs**
 - Smoking cessation policy, reducing job-related injuries, on-site gym, rehabilitation
- **Patient health care settings**
- **Graduate programs in health education or related fields**
 - Public health, epidemiology, health communication
- **Preparation for professional health programs**
 - PA, nursing, PT, OT, medicine, dental, health administration

HEB BS/MS Program

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- The BS/MS in Health Education and Behavior is designed for students seeking an advanced practitioner's degree in Health Education.
- The MS degree prepares health education specialists to work in local, state, and federal health agencies, voluntary health organizations, patient care settings, and private industries.

HEB BS/MS Program Criteria

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1. Sophomore or Junior status
2. Maintain 3.2 UF GPA
3. Approval from undergraduate program (must be on-track and in good standing with major)
4. Schedule an appointment with Ms. Jenny Neelands (jennifer4@ufl.edu) to complete the BS/MS program application.

HEB BS/MS Courses

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- Choose 4 to complete during junior and senior years:
- HSC 4133/5138 Human Sexuality Education
- HSC 4134/5135 Emotional Health & Counseling
- HSC 4143/5142 Drug Education
- HSC 4174/5925 Determinants of Obesity
- HSC 4232c/5618 Exercise Therapy, Physical Activity & Health
- HSC 4233/6235 Patient Health Education
- HSC 4579/6575 Women's Health Issues
- HSC 4592c/6605 Scientific Foundations of Holistic Health
- HSC 4593/6595 HIV/AIDS Education
- HSC 4663/6646 Methods of Injury Prevention & Control
- HSC 4694/6695 Work-site Health Promotion
- HSC 4950/6935 Special Topics in Health Education

Courses must be completed with a B or higher in order to transfer to the HEB MS program.

BS/MS Program Important Facts

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- Students are not penalized for withdrawing from the program.
- Students must apply to the MS program (admission to the MS program after graduation is not automatic).
- Graduate-level tuition is more expensive than undergraduate rates.
- Graduation from your undergraduate program is separate from the MS program.
- The BS/MS program expedites the MS program and saves students (financially) the cost of 4 undergrad courses.