

## MASTER OF EDUCATION IN COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION

### INTRODUCTION

The M.Ed. in Community Health Education provides a multidisciplinary approach for professionals interested in health careers in the community. This program is geared toward the working professional who would like to broaden his or her role in improving community health, enhance current job skills, or seek career advancement.

Students with a variety of undergraduate majors (e.g., nursing, gerontology, health education, sociology, psychology, allied health, physical education) may prepare for employment opportunities in this field. Course work and practica are available in individually designed areas of emphasis, such as general health issues, substance abuse, nutrition, population studies, environmental health, community systems and health care.

### CAREER INFORMATION

The Master of Education degree qualifies graduates to move from entry-level positions to career positions with increased leadership responsibility. The degree enables health education professionals to advance their careers and meets eligibility criteria for CHES certification.

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This 34 semester hour program includes the core areas of health behavior theory, research methods, and technology. Students complete a specialization of 24 credits consisting of courses in including organization and administration of community health education programs, health program planning, health program evaluation, electives and a required practicum experience.

The required capstone experience is often completing a comprehensive examination or a thesis. Classes typically meet for three or four hours once a week in the evenings; average class size is 16-20 students. In addition to CSU faculty, the program benefits from our location in a health-centered region and features a variety of health practitioners who share their expertise and networks as adjunct instructors and practicum supervisors.

### RESEARCH

Program faculty have a range of research interests and often collaborate with faculty in other health-related programs on campus, faculty from other universities and with health professionals in a range of community agencies at the local, state, and national levels. Current research interests include health risk behaviors of students, program development and alignment, and history and philosophy of health education. In addition to the core courses, students interested in research or who want to pursue a doctorate may choose from electives related to grant writing and special topics survey research, or mixed methods of research. A limited number of graduate assistantships are available for qualified students.

### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students must take the college core of 10 credits and complete the 24 credit specialization track while adhering to College/ University policies regarding GPA and successful progression towards the degree. Finally, there is a culminating experience (typically passing the comprehensive examination or writing a thesis) to complete the degree requirements.

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