

Health Behavior and Health Education

*Master of Education
Master of Science in Health Behavior and Health Education
Doctor of Philosophy*

For More Information

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Facilities for Graduate Work

Excellent teaching and research laboratories are available to graduate students in health behavior and health education. Special classrooms and computer facilities are available. Research laboratories are also available for field research at various schools, institutions, and agencies in Austin and surrounding communities.

Areas of Study

The programs leading to the Master of Science in Health Behavior and Health Education, Master of Education, or the Doctor of Philosophy with a major in Health Behavior and Health Education emphasize a developmental and research-based approach to health promotion across the life span.

All the health behavior and health education degree programs provide students with a solid background in the social and behavioral foundations of health. Students have the opportunity to design a course of study suited to their interests and the research interests of the faculty. The program prepares students for academic, research, and applied careers in health promotion and public health.

Graduate Studies Committee

The following faculty members served on the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) in the spring 2025 semester.

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Admissions Requirements

Students who lack the prerequisite coursework described below may be admitted to the Graduate School, but they must then complete coursework in the appropriate areas in addition to degree requirements.

Master's degree programs. An applicant to the Master of Science in Health Behavior and Health Education degree program or Master of Education with a major in health behavior and health education degree program must have completed an undergraduate major in health education or a related discipline. The applicant must have completed at least three semester hours of coursework in each of the following areas: theory and methods of health education and/or health promotion, behavioral sciences, and statistics.

Doctoral degree program. An undergraduate major in health education or a related discipline is required; the student must have completed at least three semester hours of coursework in each of the following areas: behavioral sciences, research methods, and statistics. The applicant must also be sponsored by a member of the Graduate Studies Committee. Applicants to the PhD program must demonstrate the ability to conduct independent research.