Department of Health and Human Development

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Graduate programs in the Department of Health and Human Development lead to a Master of Science degree with options in community health, counseling (marriage, couples, and family; mental health), dietetics (combined with the dietetic internship), exercise and nutrition sciences (exercise physiology and nutrition; sport and coaching sciences), family and consumer sciences (early childhood education/child development; human development and family science), family financial planning, and sustainable food systems. The Master of Education degree is given to those completing the school counseling degree. A Doctor of Philosophy is available in exercise and nutrition sciences.

General descriptions of the graduate options are included below. More detailed information regarding curricula and requirements may be obtained from the respective graduate coordinators listed below. Information may also be obtained on the Department of Health and Human Development website (http://www.montana.edu/hhd/).

A minimum of 30 credits is required for the Master of Science degree in exercise and nutrition sciences and the sustainable food systems programs. A minimum of 36 credits is required in community health and family and consumer sciences. Both thesis and non-thesis plans are available. Because of professional licensure requirements, a minimum of 60 credits is required for both marriage, couples, and family counseling and mental health counseling. The school counseling program requires a minimum of 48 credits. The PhD in exercise and nutrition sciences is a 60-credit program. Transfer credits may not exceed the limit of nine set by The Graduate School and must be assessed by the respective faculty advisor before acceptance to the program.

Graduate Faculty Advisors

Addiction Counseling
• Dr. Katey Franklin, 406 994-3285, kathryn.franklin1@montana.edu (Kathryn.franklin1@montana.edu)

Community Health
• Dr. Suzanne Held, 406 994-6321, suzanne@montana.edu
• Dr. Dan Koltz, 406 994-4351, daniel.koltz@montana.edu
• Dr. Elizabeth Rink, 406 994-3833, elizabeth.rink@montana.edu
• Dr. Mark Schure, 406 994-3248, mark.schure@montana.edu
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Counseling
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Dietetic Internship
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• Dr. Mary Miles, 406 994-6678, mmiles@montana.edu
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Family Financial Planning
• Dr. M.J. Kabaci, 678 654-8546, marykabaci@montana.edu

Sustainable Food Systems
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• Dr. Wan-Yuan Kuo, 406 994-3259, wanyuan.kuo@montana.edu

Admission

In addition to the requirements listed in the application requirements and admission policies sections, admission requirements for specific options can be obtained from the department website (http://www.montana.edu/hhd/).

Provisional admission as a graduate student is possible if there is a deficiency in one or more of these areas. Students accepted provisionally will be required to:

1. successfully complete the undergraduate prerequisites for graduate-level classes,
2. successfully complete the specific undergraduate or graduate classes needed for acceptance, and/or
3. take a required course load and earn a specific grade point average while on a provisional status.

Financial Assistance

Teaching assistantships may be available within the Department of Health and Human Development. Assistantships are typically nine-month appointments. Counseling assistantships can include a summer appointment in addition to the academic year appointment. Research assistantships may be available with individual faculty members who have funded grants or contracts. Stipends vary depending on the type of appointment, the requirements of the job, the experience of the applicant, and available funding. See the costs section (https://www.montana.edu/gradschool/costs.html) of the Graduate School website for detailed information on appointment criteria. Assistantships are requested from the student’s home department.

Graduate Programs

Doctorate (PhD):

Doctor of Philosophy in Exercise and Nutrition Sciences (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/education-health-human-development/exercise-nutrition-sciences/)

Doctor of Philosophy in Indigenous and Rural Health (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/education-health-human-development/education/phd-indigenous-rural-health/)

Master of Science (MS) in:
• Community Health (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/education-health-human-development/health-human-development/community-health/)

• Counseling (options in Clinical Mental Health or Marriage, Couples, & Family) (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/education-health-human-development/health-human-development/counseling-program-options/)

• Dietetic Systems Leadership (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/education-health-human-development/health-human-development/dietetic-systems-leadership/)

• Exercise and Nutrition Sciences (options in Exercise Physiology & Nutrition or Sport & Coaching Sciences (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/education-health-human-development/health-human-development/exercise-nutrition-sciences-option/)

• Family & Consumer Sciences (options in Early Childhood Education or Human Development & Family Science (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/education-health-human-development/health-human-development/family-consumer-sciences-option/)

• Family Financial Planning (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/education-health-human-development/health-human-development/family-financial-planning/)

• Sustainable Food Systems (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/education-health-human-development/health-human-development/sustainable-food-systems/)

Master of Education (MEd):

School Counseling (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/education-health-human-development/health-human-development/counseling-program-options/)

Graduate certificates:

• Addiction Counseling (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/education-health-human-development/health-human-development/addiction-counseling/)

• Mental Health Support Certificate (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/education-health-human-development/health-human-development/mental-health-support/)