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), and sustainable food systems. The Master of Education degree is given to those completing the school counseling degree.

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. 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. Katelyn Franklin, 316A Herrick Hall (https://www.montana.edu/calendar/locations.php?building=22/), 406 994-3285, kathryn.franklin1@montana.edu (Kathryn.franklin1@montana.edu)

Community Health
• Dr. Suzanne Held, 318A Herrick Hall (https://www.montana.edu/calendar/locations.php?building=22/), 406 994-6321, suzanne@montana.edu
• Dr. Elizabeth Rink, 318B Herrick Hall (https://www.montana.edu/calendar/locations.php?building=22/), 406 994-3833, elizabeth.rink@montana.edu
• Dr. Mark Schure, 305 Herrick Hall (https://www.montana.edu/calendar/locations.php?building=22/), 406 994-3248, mark.schure@montana.edu
• Dr. Vanessa Simonds, 316D Herrick Hall (https://www.montana.edu/calendar/locations.php?building=22/), 406 994-7396, vanessa.simonds@montana.edu

Counseling
• Dr. Anna Elliott, 210E Herrick Hall (https://www.montana.edu/calendar/locations.php?building=22/), 406 994-3245, anna.elliot@montana.edu
• Dr. Heidi McKinley, 1501 S. 3rd (https://www.montana.edu/calendar/locations.php?building=313/), 406 994-5993, heidi.mckinley@montana.edu (http://catalog.montana.edu/mailto:heidi.mckinley@montana.edu)
• Dr. Mark Nelson, 121 Herrick Hall (https://www.montana.edu/calendar/locations.php?building=22/), 406 994-3810, markn@montana.edu

Dietetic Internship
• Colleen Kaiser, MS, RDN, LN, 350 Reid Hall (https://www.montana.edu/calendar/locations.php?building=9/), 406 994-5002, colleenk@montana.edu

Exercise and Nutrition Sciences
• Dr. Jim Becker, 338 Culbertson (https://www.montana.edu/calendar/locations.php?building=28/), 406 994-6854, james.becker4@montana.edu
• Dr. David Graham, 337 Culbertson (https://www.montana.edu/calendar/locations.php?building=28/), 406 994-4120, david.graham7@montana.edu
• Dr. Colleen McMilin, 348 Reid Hall (https://www.montana.edu/calendar/locations.php?building=9/), 406 994-6369, colleen.mcmilin@montana.edu
• Dr. Mary Miles, 20 Herrick Hall (https://www.montana.edu/calendar/locations.php?building=22/), 406 994-6678, mmiles@montana.edu
• Dr. John Seifert, 121B Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center (https://www.montana.edu/calendar/locations.php?building=47/), 406 994-7154, john.seifert@montana.edu
• Dr. Craig Stewart, 121A Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center (https://www.montana.edu/calendar/locations.php?building=47/), 406 994-6315, cstewart@montana.edu
• Dr. Dawn Tarabochia, 210F Herrick Hall (https://www.montana.edu/calendar/locations.php?building=22/), 406 994-2057, dawn.tarabochia@montana.edu

Family and Consumer Sciences
• Dr. Kalli Decker, 115 Herrick Hall (https://www.montana.edu/calendar/locations.php?building=22/), 406 994-3246, kalli.decker@montana.edu
• Dr. Christine Lux, 210D Herrick Hall (https://www.montana.edu/calendar/locations.php?building=22/), 406 994-5005, christine.lux@montana.edu
• Dr. J. Mitchell Vaterlaus, 122 Herrick Hall (https://www.montana.edu/calendar/locations.php?building=22/), 406 994-3229, j.vaterlaus@montana.edu

Family Financial Planning
• Dr. Deborah Haynes, 217 Herrick Hall (https://www.montana.edu/calendar/locations.php?building=22/), 406 994-5013, dhaynes@montana.edu

Sustainable Food Systems
• Dr. Selena Ahmed, 345 Reid Hall (https://www.montana.edu/calendar/locations.php?building=9/), 406 994-5640, selena.ahmed@montana.edu
• Dr. Carmen Byker Shanks, 344 Reid Hall (https://www.montana.edu/calendar/locations.php?building=9/), 406 994-1952, chikershanks@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 or by calling 406 994-3242.

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 Graduate Assistantships sections of the department website for detailed information on appointment criteria. Assistantships are requested from the student’s home department.

Graduate Programs
Master of Science (MS) in:

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

Graduate certificate program in Addiction Counseling (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/education-health-human-development/health-human-development/addiction-counseling/)