The College of Education, Health and Human Development provides studies for those persons interested in careers in the helping professions associated with education, school counseling, human development, physical education, hospitality management, exercise science, health, counseling, and nutrition. These functions are carried out within the college’s two departments: the Department of Education, and the Department of Health and Human Development.

The Department of Education is composed of three units: Curriculum and Instruction, for the preparation of undergraduate and graduate teacher education majors who seek teaching careers in either elementary or secondary schools; Educational Leadership, offering graduate programs in K-12 administration; and Adult and Higher Education offering graduate programs for those seeking advanced study in adult education and higher education administration.

The Department of Health and Human Development administers a variety of curricula that prepares students for various careers including child development, community health, dietetics, exercise science, hospitality management, human development and family science, kinesiology, nutrition science, and sustainable food and bioenergy systems. Teaching careers are offered in early childhood education P-3 (preschool to grade 3), family and consumer sciences 5-12, and health enhancement K-12 (health and physical education). A post-baccalaureate dietetics internship is also offered—the only internship program in the state of Montana.

The college cooperates with other agencies in Montana in the improvement of educational programs and services through its After School Partnership, Child Development Center, Early Childhood Project, Field Placement and Licensure, Indian Education for All, Human Development Clinic, Montana Team Nutrition, and other public service centers and activities.

Graduate Programs Available
In addition to its baccalaureate degree programs, the college offers graduate-level programs leading to the Master of Science in Community Health, Counseling (clinical mental health or marriage, couples, and family), 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, as well as a Master of
Education in School Counseling, graduate-level certificates in Addiction Counseling, and Mental Health Support, and Doctors of Philosophy in Exercise and Nutrition Sciences and Indigenous and Rural Health through the Department of Health and Human Development. The Department of Education offers the Library Media Certificate, the College Teaching Certificate, the School Superintendent Certificate, the Teacher Leadership Certificate, the Master of Education, the Education Specialist degree and the EdD with emphasis in Adult and Higher Education, Curriculum and Instruction, and Educational Leadership, or a PhD in Education with emphasis in Adult and Higher Education, Curriculum & Instruction and Educational Leadership. The new Master of Arts in Teaching is a full-time pathway to initial teaching licensure.

Program Accreditations and Licensures
Montana State University is a member of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and is accredited by the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools. Professional programs for the preparation of elementary and secondary teachers at the baccalaureate level are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, as are the master’s level programs for the preparation of elementary school principals, high school principals, and the doctoral program in education administration. All education programs are approved by the Montana Board of Public Education. Clinical mental health, marriage, couples, and family, and school counseling programs are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs of the American Counseling Association. The dietetics program is accredited by Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The Child Development Center in Herrick Hall is licensed by the state of Montana and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.