

Community Health

The community health master's program offers a skills-based program which integrates theory and critical thinking to assess the needs of individuals, families, and communities. Students learn to plan, implement and evaluate programming designed to promote health, human development and well-being.

Students are accepted into the program by one of our faculty members who will serve as a mentor and work closely with the student through their time at MSU. Potential applicants should investigate the websites of faculty members and contact faculty prior to submitting their application. We believe this matching process provides students with the support and structure to succeed in our program. Interested students may obtain descriptions by visiting the department website. Depending on the students' goals, undergraduate degree, and course work, additional courses may be added or deleted to supplement the curriculum.

Upon completion of the degree, students are eligible to sit for the Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES) exam (<https://www.nchec.org/mches-exam-application/>).

Required Courses

CHTH 502	Theories and Models in Health	3
CHTH 540	Principles of Epidemiology	3
Take one of the following:		3
CHTH 503	Community-Based Participatory Research: Research, Practice, and Policy	
or CHTH 598 Internship		
CHTH 548	Program Planning and Evaluation	3
Take one of the following:		3
EDCI 501	Educational Statistics I	
or HDFS 515 Statistical Approaches to Studying Children, Families and Communities		
HDCO 554	Develop Theory Across Lifespan	3
HHD 501	Research Methods in HHD I	3
HHD 512	Research Methods in HHD II	3
Take one of the following:		6-10
CHTH 575	Professional Paper and Project (6 cr. required)	
CHTH 590	Master's Thesis (10 cr. required)	
Electives		6
Total Credits		36-40

Electives (other electives may be approved by advisor)

BMGT 469	Community Entrepreneurship & Nonprofit Management	3
CHTH 428	Health Disparities	3
CHTH 435	Human Response To Stress	3
CHTH 445	Program Planning for CH	3
CHTH 598	Internship	2-12
HDFS 464	Gender, Race, Class, and Family Diversity	3
HDFS 465R	Family Law & Public Policy	3
HEE 506	Exercise and Chronic Disease	3
HTH 455	The Ethic of Care	3
NASX 524	Contemporary Issues in American Indian Studies	3
NASX 530	Federal Law and Indian Policy	3
PSCI 436	Politics of Food & Hunger	3

PSCI 559	Program Evaluation	3
SFBS 429	Small Business and Entrepreneurship in Food and Health	3
SFBS 551	Global Food Perspectives	3