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## Revision to Master of Science in Health Science (code 6-1211)

### Master of Public Health in Community Health Education (code 7- 1213)

The Master of Science program is designed to provide students with (1) intensive study of health education concepts, theories and processes; (2) introduction of Public Health concepts and issues; (3) research methodology appropriate to the examination of an in depth health topic. The graduate is also prepared for a leadership role in a school or community setting and for admission to doctoral programs at other colleges and universities. Graduate students in need of counseling should contact the Graduate Advisor.

### **Admission Requirements:**

- (1) Each applicant must request a copy of official transcript(s) of all work to be sent to the Graduate Advisor in the Health Science Department in addition to the copies required by the Office of Enrollment Services.
- (2) A bachelor's degree with a major in health education which articulates with the course requirements for the same degree at California State University, Long Beach; or a bachelor's degree in a related discipline with a minimum of 21 units of upper division course work comparable to those required of the Health Science major at the University; or a bachelor's degree in a related discipline and willingness to make up any deficiencies in prerequisite Health Science courses. Prerequisites for all courses carrying graduate credit must have been completed within seven years of taking the graduate courses. If any prerequisite is outdated, it may be repeated or credit obtained by (1) written examination on the subject matter or (2) providing documented evidence of currency in the subject area.
- (3) An overall undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0. Students with less than a 3.0 GPA on the last 60 units of undergraduate units attempted, but who show promise in all other aspects, may be given special consideration after petitioning for conditional admission into the program through the Department Graduate Advisor.
- (4) Acceptance by the University as a student with graduate standing.
- (5) A maximum of 9 units of graduate work at the post- baccalaureate level will be credited to a student's program requirements upon Departmental acceptance to the graduate program.
- (6) Submission of Part "B" of the CSU application to the Department and quantitative and verbal scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
- (7) Three letters of recommendation from persons with whom the candidate has worked and who have direct knowledge of the applicant's qualifications and potential as a community health educator.
- (8) A separate personal statement of your reason for pursuing this field of study and comments about your interests and experience that are germane to your career objectives.

# Advancement to Candidacy:

(1) Satisfy the general University requirements for advancement to candidacy;

- (a) pass the Writing Proficiency Exam;
- (b) have at least a 3.0 average for all course work attempted as a graduate student;
- (c) complete H/SC 500, 503, and 570;
- (2) Approval by the Department Graduate Advisor and the Associate Dean of Academic Programs of the College of Health and Human Services.

# Requirements for Completion of the Master of Science Degree:

- (1) A minimum of 43 units of approved upper division and graduate courses including:
  - (a) 21 units of Health Science courses which include HCA 502, H/SC 500, 503, 570, 581, 696;
  - (b) 18 units of electives in a specialty field;
  - (c) 4 units of H/SC 698;
- (2) A thesis with an oral examination.

## Master of Public Health in Community Health Education (code 7- 1213)

The Master of Public Health in Community Health provides the opportunity for students to specialize in community health education and health promotion within the general context of Public Health, to increase competence in designing, implementing, and evaluating behavior change programs in preparation for serving in various health agencies, prepare for teaching at college and university levels and for administrative positions in public and private health agencies.

### **Admission Requirements:**

- (1) Each applicant must request a copy of official transcript(s) of all work to be sent to the Graduate Advisor in the Health Science Department in addition to the copies required by the Office of Enrollment Services.
- (2) A bachelor's degree with a major in health education which articulates with the course requirements for the same degree at California State University, Long Beach; or a bachelor's degree in a related discipline with a minimum of 21 units of upper division course work comparable to those required of the Health Science major at the University; or a bachelor's degree in a related discipline and willingness to make up any deficiencies in prerequisite Health Science courses. Prerequisites for all courses carrying graduate credit must have been completed within seven years of taking the graduate courses. If any prerequisite is outdated, it may be repeated or credit obtained by (1) written examination on the subject matter or (2) providing documented evidence of currency in the subject area.
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- (6) Submission of Part "B" of the CSU application to the Department and quantitative and verbal scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
- (7) Three letters of recommendation from persons with whom the candidate has worked and who have direct knowledge of the applicant's qualifications and potential as a community health

educator.

- (8) A separate personal statement of your reason for pursuing this field of study and comments about your interests and experience that are germane to your career objectives.
- (9) At least one year's full-time (or equivalent) paid or volunteer experience in Community Health Education or a closely related health role. Preference will be given to those with greater experience and ability.

## Advancement to Candidacy:

- (1) Satisfy the general University requirements for advancement to candidacy;
- (b) have at least a 3.0 average for all course work attempted as a graduate student;
- (2) Approval by the Department Graduate Advisor and the Associate Dean for Academic Programs of the College of Health and Human Services.

Requirements for Completion of the Master of Public Health in Community Health Education:

- (1) A minimum of 42 units of approved upper division and graduate-level courses including:
  - (a) core: HCA 502, H/SC 500 -or- MICR 429, H/SC 503 -or- BIOL 565, 508, 528, 570, 581, 624, 625, 626, 696;
  - (b) 3 units of electives at the 500/600 level;
  - (c) H/SC 585, a supervised fieldwork experience (6 units)
- (2) A comprehensive written examination (see Department for guidelines).

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