Community Health Minor

The Department of HPER at Jacksonville State University offers a minor in Community Health. The 18-hour minor is intended to prepare students interested in a career in a non-education field.

Community Health Minor
Total - 18 hours

HPE 212 - Personal & Community Health (3)
HPE 312 - Health Problems and Disease Prevention (3)
HPE 315 - Foundations of Health Science (3)
HPE 318 - Health for Special Populations (3)
HPE 360 - School and Community Health Programs (3)
HPE 420 - Health Aspects of Aging (3)

* The courses required for the Community Health minor are available online via Blackboard and in the traditional classroom setting.

Community Health Course Descriptions

HPE 212 Personal & Community Health (3)
The development of habits, attitudes, and knowledge concerning health, and the professional preparation of individuals for work in the community health field.

HPE 312 Health Problems and Disease Prevention (3)
The course provides an overview of health problems and disease prevention in today's society. An analysis of a variety of personal, social, community, and environmental factors is explored.

HPE 315 Foundations of Health Science (3)
This course explores a historical and philosophical study of the growth and development of health science, health education, and health promotion.

HPE 318 Health for Special Populations (3)
This course examines the nature and needs of special populations and explores current research regarding special populations to better understand the area.

HPE 360 School and Community Health Programs (3)
This course examines methods in comprehensive school health education for grades 6-12 and also explores community health program planning.

HPE 420 Health Aspects of Aging (3)
The physical, social, emotional, and mental aspects of aging of healthy aging will be explored.
Check Sheet
Minor in Community Health

Semester  Grade  Course

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Careers in Community Health

Community/Public Health Education
Employed by voluntary health agencies (i.e. American Cancer Society) and public health agencies (i.e. U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention).

Worksite Health Education
Employed by business and industry to provide programs to improve the health of employees.

Health Education in Health Care Settings
Employed by public and for-profit hospitals.
Free-standing medical care clinics that provide both routine care and emergency services.
Home health agencies that provide in-home care designed to replace or reduce the need for more expensive hospitalization, and physician organizations such as health maintenance organizations (HMOs).
Preferred provider organizations (PPOs) to provide programs for employees, patients, or the community at large.

Health Education in Colleges or Universities
Employed as faculty member in the academic field (advanced degree needed) or as a health service or wellness center coordinator.

International Opportunities
Employed by international health organizations (i.e. Peace Corps) to diversify your training and to gain valuable working experience both professionally and personally.

Nontraditional Health Education Positions
Sales positions related to health (i.e. pharmacy sales, fitness equipment sales, health-related textbooks, life and health insurance sales) or employment in the fields of media (journalism, TV, or radio).

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