

HEALTH EDUCATION MINOR

MISSION STATEMENT

The Health Education minor provides opportunities to explore knowledge, attitudes and experiences in differing health fields. A holistic approach is used to determine the impact that health promotion, health education, health maintenance, and wellness have on various lay and professional populations. The Health Education minor allows students to pursue an add-on 910 Health Professional Educator license from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Student learning outcomes (SLOs) are statements of what a student will know or be able to do when they have completed a program. They represent the knowledge and skills a program has determined are most important for students to gain from that program. The most useful SLOs are specific and measurable so the program can accurately assess the degree to which students have achieved each outcome, and they align with college and institution mission and values. Data on achievement of SLOs is used to make improvements in the program and increase student success.

Students who graduate from UW-Whitewater with a minor in Health Education will meet the following student learning outcomes, which are based on the National Health Education Standards:

- Comprehend concepts related to health promotion and disease prevention to enhance health.
- Analyze the influence of family, peers, culture, media, technology, and other factors on health behaviors.
- Access valid information, products, and services to enhance health.
- Use interpersonal communication skills to enhance health and avoid or reduce health risks.
- Use decision-making skills to enhance health.

- Use goal-setting skills to enhance health.
- Practice health-enhancing behaviors and avoid or reduce health risks.
- Advocate for personal, family, and community health.

In addition, students who minor in Health Education will also meet the following education standards from the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC):

- **[Standard 1: Content Pedagogy]** He or she must understand the central concept and structure of discipline and it must be created in such a way that students can learn from it effectively.
- **[Standard 2: Student Development]** The teacher must be able to understand the student's ability to grasp things and must come up with the methods that can offer better personality development of the students.
- **[Standard 3: Diverse Learners]** The teacher must know that the students have different capabilities of learning and based on that must train them.
- **[Standard 4: Multiple Instructional Strategies]** The teacher must be able to understand and use a variety of instructional strategies so that they are able to solve problems, think critically and show better performance.
- **[Standard 5: Management and Motivation]** The teacher must be able to understand individuals and create a learning environment to encourage positive social interactions, self-motivation and active learning engagement.
- **[Standard 6: Technology and Communication]** The teacher should use verbal, non-verbal and media communication to impart knowledge in the students for their better understanding of the subject matter.
- **[Standard 7: Planning]** It is highly recommended that the teacher must be able to plan various things for students such as curriculum, community and students, and knowledge of subject matter.
- **[Standard 8: Assessment]** The teacher assesses the students formally or informally to evaluate the social, intellectual and physical development of the students.
- **[Standard 9: Reflective Practice: Professional Development]** The teacher is considered a reflective practitioner who can evaluate the effects of the choices and actions on others and prepares students to face the world professionally as well.
- **[Standard 10: School and community Involvement]** The last standard of <u>INTASC standards</u> is to develop the relationship amongst students, colleagues, society, parents and various other agencies to support learning and well-being.