Health Professions Education

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The Department of Medical Education offers a program of studies leading to the Master of Health Professions Education (MHPE) degree. The purpose of the MHPE program is to provide the education necessary to produce effective leaders and scholars in health professions education. Disciplinary and interdisciplinary offerings are available on topics related to management and leadership in health professions education, scholarship methods, curriculum, instruction, competence assessment, program evaluation, and medical humanities and ethics. The Interdepartmental Concentration in Gender and Women’s Studies is available to students in this program.

Admission and Degree Requirements

- Master of Health Professions Education

MHPE 433. Principles of Evidence-Based Health Care. 2 hours.
Qualitative and quantitative assessment of human subject clinical research: locating, evaluating, comparing scientific papers as bases for health care education and practice. Course Information: Same as BHIS 433. Prerequisite(s): Graduate or professional standing and approval of the school.

MHPE 439. Writing for Scientific Publication. 2 hours.
Instruction and workshop explores the process of fully preparing and submitting a manuscript to a health professions journal. Students must bring analyzed data set. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Graduate or professional standing and consent of the instructor.

MHPE 441. Clinical Decision Making. 2 hours.
Introduction to descriptive and normative theories of decision making; interpretation of diagnostic tests; measuring patient preferences; decision analysis and cost-effectiveness analysis; psychology of judgment and choice. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

MHPE 494. Special Topics in Health Professions Education. 1-4 hours.
Selected topics of current interest in health professions education. Course Information: May be repeated with approval. Students may register in more than one section per term. Approval to repeat course granted by the department. Prerequisite(s): Prerequisites may vary by section, depending upon topic.

MHPE 501. Scholarship in Health Professions Education. 4 hours.
Introduction to methods and evaluation of scholarship in health professions education. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Graduate or professional standing and consent of the instructor.

MHPE 502. Instruction and Assessment for Health Professionals. 4 hours.
Methods and issues of effective instruction and assessment in health professions education are presented, including how effective instruction and assessment support student learning and faculty decisions. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

MHPE 503. Curriculum Planning and Program Evaluation for Health Professionals. 4 hours.
Methods and issues in planning and evaluating educational programs in the health professions are presented, including how institutional and social forces affect planning and evaluation. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Approval of the department.

MHPE 504. Leadership in Health Professions Education. 4 hours.
Focuses on problems, issues, and practices of leadership in health professions education.

MHPE 505. Introduction to Health Professions Education: Leadership, Scholarship, and Current Issues. 2 hours.
Serves the intertwined purposes of providing an orientation to the MHPE program’s major goals and themes, its programmatic elements, and its prototypical instructional methods of active and collaborative learning. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Graduate or professional standing; and approval of the department.

MHPE 512. Ethics in Clinical Research. 1 hour.
Survey of key ethical issues involved in conducting research with human subjects, including informed consent, confidentiality, access and equity. Course Information: Same as HPA 512. Extensive computer use required. Requires completion of an online course in human subjects research, to be supplemented by classroom discussion of the topics raised in that course and others. Prerequisite(s): Approval of the department. Students must be enrolled in the Master of Science in Public Health program.

MHPE 514. Credentialing Professionals: Accreditation, Certification and Licensure. 2 hours.
Examines credentialing systems and the relationships between credentialing and professional competence. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Graduate or professional standing; and approval of the department.

MHPE 532. Qualitative Methods. 2 hours.
The course provides students with a broad overview of the epistemology, design, methods, data types, results, and reporting forms of qualitative research and helps students develop skills in qualitative data analysis. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Graduate or professional standing; and approval of the department.
MHPE 533. Survey Research Methods. 2 hours.
Discusses the basics of quantitative survey design, administration, scoring, and statistical analysis for use in research and evaluation settings. Course Information: Extensive computer use required. Prerequisite(s): Graduate or professional standing; and approval of the department.

MHPE 534. Research Design and Grant Writing. 2 hours.
Introduction to the skills necessary to plan a research project and write a research grant proposal using a systematic approach. Course Information: Same as HPA 534. Previously listed as MHPE 431. Prerequisite(s): Graduate or professional standing; and approval of the department.

MHPE 535. Translating Research into Practice. 3 hours.
Current theory and practical reality related to the adoption and use of new scientific findings in patient care. The influence of research on public policy. Course Information: Same as HPA 535. Extensive computer use required. Prerequisite(s): Graduate or professional standing; and approval of the department.

MHPE 537. Writing for Scientific Publication. 2 hours.
Students will have the opportunity to learn and practice both the skills needed to produce a research manuscript and a conceptual approach to writing that will carry over to future projects—research reports or other works of scholarship. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Graduate or professional standing; and approval of the department. Each student must bring to class a personal writing project based on a study with an already available data set that has been analyzed at least preliminarily. The topic of the study can be educational or clinical.

MHPE 596. Independent Study. 1-4 hours.
Selected problems or issues in health professions education are investigated under the direction of a faculty member of the student's choice.

MHPE 597. Project Research. 0-6 hours.
Selected problems or issues in health professions education are investigated under the direction of a committee of the student's choice. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only.

MHPE 598. Thesis Research. 0-16 hours.
Selected problems or issues in health professions education are investigated under the direction of a committee of the student's choice. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only.