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Overview

There is little doubt in today’s world that health promotion/disease prevention strategies are on nearly every national health care agenda. As a society, we have learned that a fuller measure of health, a better quality of life, is within the grasp of almost all people. The lifestyle choices a person makes today may influence that individual’s health for the rest of his or her life.

The undergraduate program in Community and Public Health is designed to prepare students to plan, implement, and evaluate health promotion programs, interventions and strategies, serve as an advocate to support healthy behaviors and healthy environments, and lead in empowering individuals, groups and communities to achieve optimal health, well-being and quality of life. More specifically, they learn to facilitate the adoption of actions which are conducive to the health of individuals, groups, or communities.

Graduates with a baccalaureate degree in Community and Public Health are eligible to take the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) national certification offered through the National Commission on Health Education Credentialing (NCHEC). The undergraduate school health emphasis is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

Students in the Community and Public Health Program may choose from three concentrations:

1. community health,
2. addictions studies, or
3. school health.

Teaching and non-teaching minors are available. Graduate degrees are offered through a Master of Health Education (MHE) and a Master of Public Health (MPH).

Community and Public Health Program Goals and Objectives

Coursework in the Idaho State University undergraduate Community and Public Health program prepares students to work with individuals, groups, and organizations and are based on the following Seven Areas of Responsibilities for Health Education Specialists that have been identified by NCHEC:

- Assess Needs, Resources, and Capacity for Health Education/Promotion
- Plan Health Education/Promotion
- Implement Health Education/Promotion
- Conduct Evaluation and Research Related to Health Education/Promotion
- Administer and Manage Health Education/Promotion
- Serve as a Health Education/Promotion Resource Person
- Communicate, Promote, and Advocate for Health, Health Education/ Promotion, and the Profession

Community and Public Health Faculty (http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/college-of-health-professions/community-and-public-health/faculty)

Community and Public Health Courses (http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/allcourses/he)