

FAST FACTS: Health Promotion and Education



CEPH Accredited
Master of Public Health (MPH) Degree
Health Promotion and Education Program

The 45 semester credit MPH degree is offered via the Northwest Ohio Consortium for Public Health (NOCPH), a collaboration of Bowling Green State University (BGSU) and the University of Toledo (UT). The MPH program is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). The UT Department of Public Health & Homeland Security coordinates the Health Promotion and Education program.

What is a Health Promotion and Education Professional?

The curriculum for the **Health Promotion and Education** (HPE) major focuses on methods for planning, implementing and evaluating educational and behavioral changes as well as programs that enhance health. Students are prepared for positions that emphasize program planning, health promotion, health education, disease prevention and social action. Graduates work in business, voluntary, non-profit and governmental agencies at the local, county, state and federal levels. The major objectives for the Health Promotion and Education program are to graduate professionals that are prepared to:

- Implement, administer and evaluate health promotion and education programs
- Demonstrate mastery of knowledge that is critical to the role of a health promotion and educational professional
- Coordinate the provision of promotional and educational services in health
- Assess individual and community needs
- Apply principles of community organization, health behavior and educational processes to plan effective health promotion and education programs
- Apply appropriate research methods
- Act as a health promotion and education resource

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What are the entrance requirements/prerequisites?

Applicant may qualify for "**Regular Admission**" if he/she satisfies all of these requirements:

- Completed bachelor degree, including foundation courses. It is expected that all applicants will have successfully completed college-level mathematics and biology and course work in the social sciences. (In addition, completion of college-level courses in inorganic and organic chemistry are required for the Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety Science major.)
- GPA \geq 3.0 (or equivalent)
- TOEFL \geq 550 (Not Applicable if English is Applicant's Primary Language)
- Recommended by 3 References

Applicant may qualify for "**Provisional Admission**" if he/she has one or more of the following deficiencies:

- Must complete necessary foundation course(s)
- GPA \geq 2.7 but $<$ 3.0 (or equivalent)

What is the application timeline? Applications are processed, and students are accepted, as applications are received (rolling admission), but should be received no later than June 15 for Fall term, October 15 for Spring term, and March 15 for Summer term.

How long is the program? Can I complete the program on a part-time basis? The curriculum requires completion of 45 semester credits of advised courses. The duration of the program is 16 months (i.e. four consecutive terms) for full-time students and approximately 32-36 months for part-time students.

Is the program offered on evenings or weekends? Classes are scheduled on Monday through Thursday nights, one night per week per course and on some courses on Saturdays.

I already have completed some graduate college courses; can I apply any of the credits I have completed? A maximum of 12 credits of approved transfer of graduate courses completed elsewhere.

What type of financial aid is available? Federal financial aid programs are available. Each NOCPH institution offers two to three tuition scholarships and one to two graduate assistantships per major. Additional funding may be available via funded grants and contracts.

What are the features of a successful candidate? Academically prepared; writes and speaks well; has a true desire to work with and help people; curious and excited by challenges involving problem-solving.

What are the job opportunities? What is a typical salary for a new graduate? Salaries vary greatly depending on geographic location and type of facility. New graduates can expect to start at \$40,000 – \$60,000.

Why should I attend the Northwest Ohio Consortium for Public Health (Bowling Green State University and University of Toledo)?

- Reasonable, public school tuition
- MPH students attend classes and have access to facilities on all campuses.
- Relatively small class sizes (typically 10-20 students per class in areas of concentration)
- Technologically sophisticated classroom and laboratory learning environments.
- Faculty have national reputations for practice and research
- Fieldwork/Internship and Research opportunities
- Beautiful campuses, reasonable off-campus housing costs

Where can I find more information about the profession and the program requirements?

- The Northwest Ohio Consortium for Public Health website: www.nocphmph.org
- American Public Health Association (www.apha.org); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov)
- Phone 419-383-4112 or e-mail publichealth@utoledo.edu for questions regarding admissions.
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