The Master of Community Health Education program will prepare you to make the most of today’s changing health and wellness environment and help make a difference in the locations in which you live and work. During this accelerated program—which can be completed in just one year—you’ll focus on mastering the key components of community health education, prevention and outreach.

Through our unique purpose-centered education model, each semester you will be engaged in a constructive action that provides real-world experience. Over the course of the program, you will develop a community health project that involves assessing community health needs, working with stakeholders to develop a project that meets those needs, implementing your project and evaluating the results.

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