The mission of the PhD program in Health Education & Promotion is to provide a high quality, student-oriented, and health equity-focused curriculum that equips students with knowledge, skills, and expertise needed to preserve, promote, and improve the health and well-being of individuals, communities, and populations. Completing the PhD degree program will primarily prepare students to take on the teaching and research requirements of college and university faculty positions in health education and promotion. The curriculum is designed to address the Areas of Responsibility for Health Education Specialists identified by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc (NCHEC).

WHERE ARE OUR GRADUATES?

Over the last five years, our graduates have accepted faculty and research positions in health education at Cal Poly State University, James Madison University, Marshall University, Mississippi State University, Texas A&M University, The University of Alabama, the University of North Carolina Wilmington, and the University of Oklahoma.

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Upon the completion of the Ph.D. program, students will demonstrate:

1. Understanding of the theoretical and philosophical basis of health education and promotion;
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3. Advanced knowledge and skills in health education & promotion program planning;
4. Advanced knowledge and skills in health education & promotion program implementation;
5. Advanced knowledge and skills in health education & promotion program administration;
6. Advanced knowledge and skills in program evaluation and research; and
7. Ability to serve as a health education & promotion resource and advocate.
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