

Health Educator

Background –

Broadly, Health Educators teach people about behaviors that promote wellness. Duties of a Health Educator may include evaluating the effectiveness of a program, creating material to distribute, and developing programs or events to share information/spread awareness on health issues.*

What is the average salary for a Health Educator? \$45,360*

What classes at GVSU may help me in a future career as a Health Educator? Discuss with your advisor which courses among those on this list, along with other courses not listed here, would best serve your career goals.

1. **COM 202** – Critical Interpretation
2. **PSY 300** – Research Methods in Psychology
3. **PSY 362** – Environmental Psychology
4. **PSY 367** - Health Psychology
5. **PSY 410** – Tests and Measurements



What additional education is required to work in this field?

1. Entry level positions may require a bachelor's degree in health promotions or health related degree
2. A Master's degree in Health Promotions or Public Health may be necessary or preferred to advance in this field

What experiences during my undergraduate classes could I explore?

1. Volunteer in a hospital setting
 - a. Example: Metro Health: requires a 100-hour commitment for the entire year
 - b. Example: Spectrum Health: requires a one, 4 hour shift a week for 6 months

What skills are applicable in this career field? Analytical, instructional, and interpersonal skills, strong problem solving and writing skills are all important for someone in this field to strive to have.

Employer Possibilities: Can be employed in a variety of settings: hospitals, nonprofit organizations, government organizations, doctors' offices, private businesses and colleges*

*bls.gov (2017) for Health Educator & Community Health Worker