



# New Combined Degree Program Request

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## New Combined Degree Program Request

Accelerated B.A. (Health Science) to M.S.  
 (Exercise Science and Health Promotion)

Proposed Program: \_\_\_\_\_ CIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date (Term/Year): Fall / 2021 (e.g. Fall/2020)

Proposed Combined Program Information	Undergraduate	Graduate
Degree Level (e.g. B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., etc.)	B.A.	M.S.
Program Name (e.g. Physics, Engineering, etc.)	Health Science	Exercise Science and Health Promotion
College	Science	Science
Department	Exercise Science and Health Promotion	Exercise Science and Health Promotion
Program Description (provide a brief description of the program, including thesis or non-thesis option)	<p>This program establishes an accelerated B.A. to M.S. In brief, if students receive a "B" or higher in designated core courses during their B.A. then they can apply for conditional admission into the accelerated M.S. program in ESHP. Then, in their last semester as an undergraduate they must take 9 credit hours of graduate coursework and receive a "B" or higher at which time the student will be a fully admitted M.S. student.</p>	

### Curriculum Requirements

**GPA Requirements:** Departments must establish a minimum undergraduate GPA for students to be admitted to a combined program. *Note: Please attach explanation.*

Please see attached memo and catalog changes for a more detailed description

**List courses to be shared:** Up to twelve (12) credit hours of graduate courses (5000 level or above course work) may be shared between the graduate and undergraduate degree for a combined program. *Note: Please attach explanation:*

- Academic justification for shared credits and catalog language
- List the undergraduate course that will be replaced by graduate courses.

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### Date

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Email this form and syllabus to [mjenning@fau.edu](mailto:mjenning@fau.edu) seven business days before the UUPC meeting.

## Memo Regarding ESHP Accelerated B.A. to M.S.

### Overview

The purpose of this program is to provide undergraduate students an accelerated track to a master's degree. This accelerated path is valuable to our undergraduate students who are wishing to enter professions that require a master's degree for job requirements.

### Admissions Process

Students wishing to apply to the accelerated M.S. program may do so in the final semester of their undergraduate studies in Health Science. Students must achieve a "B" or higher in their core courses and have a 3.0 cumulative GPA in their academic work. These "core" courses in which a B.A. in Health Science student must achieve a "B" or higher are listed below:

### Core Courses Requiring >3.0 GPA as an undergraduate

HSC 3102 Perspectives in Health & Wellness

PET 3361 Nutrition in Health & Exercise

PET 4263 Obesity

Students may apply to the Health Promotion accelerated M.S. track from the B.A. in Health Science degree, provided they complete the respective core courses and any other graduate course pre-requisite. FAU students in a non-ESHP major are not eligible for the accelerated M.S. degree but are still able to apply to the traditional M.S. program.

Students will be conditionally admitted into the graduate program before their last semester as an undergraduate. In that last semester, they will complete three graduate courses (**9 credits, these can be any 3 graduate courses in the program**) and an undergraduate elective or three-hour internship depending on their thesis ambitions. If the student achieves a "B" or higher in their graduate coursework they will be fully admitted into the M.S. program and will continue their graduate studies, and the completed graduate coursework will count toward both their B.A. and M.S. degrees. Since the ability to succeed in graduate courses is required for full admittance into the MS program, the GRE will not be required. If a student does not perform well in their graduate studies, the courses will count towards their undergraduate degree and they will graduate with their B.S. degree.

### **Combined Bachelor of Arts in Health Science and Master of Science in ESHP**

This accelerated program leads to both a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and a Master's of Science (M.S.) degree. Students apply to the B.A./M.S. program in the first semester of their senior year and begin taking graduate courses during the last semester of their senior year, and those courses would apply to both the B.A. and M.S. degrees. The combined degree program is 147 credit. That is 120 for the undergraduate degree and 27 for additional credit hours for the health promotion graduate track within ESHP. Students complete the undergraduate degree first. Up to 9 credits of graduate work taken in the senior year can be counted toward both the undergraduate and graduate degrees. Students wishing to apply to the accelerated M.S. program may do so in semester 10 of their undergraduate program sheet. Students must achieve a "B" or higher in the three core courses (listed below) and have a 3.0 cumulative GPA in their academic work. **This program may be useful for students wishing to enter a profession that requires a master's degree; however, we generally do not advise obtaining a B.A. if the goal is to eventually obtain a Ph.D.**

### **Prerequisite Coursework for Transfer Students**

Students transferring to Florida Atlantic University must complete both lower-division requirements (including the requirements of the Intellectual Foundations Program) and requirements for the college and major. Lower-division requirements may be completed through the A.A. degree from any Florida public college, university or community college or through equivalent coursework at another regionally accredited institution. Before transferring and to ensure timely progress toward the baccalaureate degree, students must also complete the prerequisite courses for their major as outlined in the *Transition Guides*.

All courses not approved by the Florida Statewide Course Numbering System that will be used to satisfy requirements will be evaluated individually on the basis of content and will require a catalog course description and a copy of the syllabus for assessment.

### **Requirements and Eligibility**

In addition to the University and Charles E. Schmidt College of Science requirements, students seeking a B.A. in Health Science and M.S. in Exercise Science and Health Promotion (Health Promotion Track) must complete the following courses.

### **Undergraduate Health Science Core Curriculum**

To meet University degree requirements, students in ESHP must also have completed required credits in courses outside the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science.

B.A./M.S. candidates must complete all "core" courses listed [here](#) along with the requirements for their specific track within Health Science.

B.A./M.S. candidates must complete the following required courses during their undergraduate study. And must receive a "B" or higher in each of the undergraduate-level "core" courses listed below.

#### Core Courses Requiring $\geq 3.0$ GPA as an undergraduate

HSC 3102 Perspectives in Health & Wellness  
PET 3361 Nutrition in Health & Exercise  
PET 4263 Obesity

Substitutions for required courses within the B.A. in Health Sciences program are allowed with prior approval from the department's undergraduate advising committee. Graduate courses are listed below.

Beginning in the last semester of their senior year students will be conditionally admitted into the M.S. program. Students then may take 9 credit hours of graduate coursework, which will count toward both the graduate and undergraduate degrees is a "B" or higher is received in all courses taken. This plan gives a total of 9 credit which will be counted toward both the graduate and undergraduate degrees. If a "B" or higher is not received in all three courses, then the student will graduate with their B.A. The ESHP graduate track in Health Promotion has been listed below so students can choose courses from that track in which they will seek study.

Graduate Courses

<b>Degree Requirements</b>		
<b><i>Required Common Core (6 credits)</i></b>		
Research and Evaluation	PET 6505C	3
Educational Statistics	STA 6113	3
<b><i>Select one concentration from the three below.</i></b>		

<b><i>Health Promotion (15 credits)</i></b>		
Personal and Community Health	HSC 5203	3
Evaluation of Health Promotion and Health Education Programs	HSC 6115	3
Needs Assessment and Program Planning in Health Promotion	HSC 6248	3
Epidemiological Basis of Health	HSC 6505	3
Health Behavior, Health Education and Health Promotion	HSC 6585	3
<b>Electives - 15 credits for Non-Thesis students; 9 credits for Thesis students</b>		
Advanced Sports Nutrition	HUN 6247	3
Seminar in Exercise and Aging	PET 5077	3
Exercise Science Laboratory Methods	PET 5521	3
Special Topics	PET 5930	1-4
Practical Applications in Exercise Science and Health Promotion	PET 5947	1-3
Functional Biomechanics	PET 6346	3
Drug Abuse Behavior	HSC 5156	3
Advanced Concepts in Health Promotion	HSC 5587	3
Chronic Stress & Population Health	HSC 5177	3
Human Obesity	HSC 5178	3
Directed Independent Study	PET 6905	1-5
Thesis option*		6
<b>Total</b>		<b>36-36 credits</b>