

MAJOR FIELD ASSESSMENT PLAN
M.A. in Health and Kinesiology

The mission of Southeastern Louisiana University is to meet the education and cultural needs, primarily of Southeast Louisiana, to disseminate knowledge and to facilitate life-long learning through quality instruction, research and service in a safe, student-centered environment.

The purpose of the M.A. in Health and Kinesiology is to prepare health and kinesiology professionals through advanced study in health education, health promotion and exercise science, kinesiology, and exercise science.

Goal Statement:

M.A. in Health and Kinesiology graduates will demonstrate exceptional levels of knowledge and skills in the area of kinesiology, exercise science, or health education/promotion.

Expected Outcomes:

- A. Each M.A. Health and Kinesiology graduate will demonstrate competence in oral communication.
- B. Each M.A. in Health and Kinesiology graduate will demonstrate an ability to synthesize, apply, and interpret/evaluate research and literature in their respective specialized area of study.
- C. Each M.A. in Health and Kinesiology graduate will demonstrate knowledge of statistics and research methods applied to studies in their respective specialized area.
- D. Each M.A. in Health and Kinesiology graduate will demonstrate in an oral presentation format the ability to integrate and synthesize knowledge of content acquired from courses taken in his/her individualized M.A. program of study.
- E. At least 90% of M.A. in Health and Kinesiology graduates will indicate that they are satisfied with the overall quality of the M.A. Degree Program.
- F. Each M.A. Health and Kinesiology graduate (who completes an internship) will be able to apply acquired skills/knowledge and will be able to implement appropriate techniques for planning, managing, and evaluating specialized program services to individuals/groups in corporate, agency, or community settings (internship site placement).

Assessment Procedures:

- A. Each M.A. in Health and Kinesiology will score satisfactory or better (average 4 or

higher) on at least 2 of the 3 **communication skills** evaluated in section A of the Graduate Oral Exam (see attached Graduate Exam Evaluation Form).

- B. Each M.A. in Health and Kinesiology graduate will score satisfactory or better (average 4 or higher) on at least 2 of the 3 **thinking skills** evaluated in section B of the Graduate Oral Exam (see attached Graduate Exam Evaluation form). (linked to expected outcome B)
- C. Each M.A. in Health and Kinesiology graduate will score satisfactory or better (average 4 or higher) on the **statistics and research methods** components of the Graduate Oral Exam (first 2 items in section C of the Graduate Exam Evaluation form). (linked to expected outcome C)
- D. Each M.A. in Health and Kinesiology graduate will score satisfactory or better (average 4 or higher) on all of the **knowledge of content** items of the Graduate Exam Evaluation. (linked to expected outcome D)
- E. 90% of M.A. in Health and Kinesiology graduates will rate the overall M.A. Degree Program as satisfactory or better (score of at least "3") on item 4M of the **Graduate Student Opinion of Program Evaluation** form.
- F. Each M.A. in Health and Kinesiology graduate (who completes an internship) will earn an overall job performance rating of "satisfactory" or better ("average") from their internship site supervisor using the **SLU Student/Supervisor Internship Evaluation** form.

Administration of Assessment Procedures:

The student's major professor and the Department of Kinesiology & Health Studies Graduate Program Coordinator are responsible for making sure that assessment procedures a, b, c, & d are carried out during the conduct of the student's graduate oral exam. Results of the **Graduate Exam Evaluation** are submitted to the Kinesiology & Health Studies Departmental Chair and are later discussed and summarized by the Department of Kinesiology & Health Studies SACS Committee.

For assessment procedure e, the student's major professor provides the **Graduate Student Opinion of Program** evaluation form to the graduate student (immediately after he/she passes the oral examination). To ensure confidentiality, the student is asked to complete the evaluation and mail it to the Department of Kinesiology & Health Studies secretary. Results are compiled and summarized by the Department of Kinesiology & Health Studies SACS Committee.

The faculty member responsible for coordinating M.A. internship (currently this is Dr. Gillan) checks to make sure that the **Internship Evaluation** form is completed by the student's internship site supervisor. The completed evaluation is kept on file in the Main Office of the Department of Kinesiology & Health Studies.

Use of Results:

Results were/will be discussed at meetings of the Graduate Committee of the Department of Kinesiology & Health Studies. Written recommendations were/will be submitted by the Graduate Committee to the Chairperson of the Department of Kinesiology & Health Studies.

Documentation can be found:

All documentation related to the evaluation of the M.A. in Health Program is located in **Binder B** in the Main Office of the Department of Kinesiology and Health Studies.