

**Major Field Assessment Plan
M.A. in Health and Kinesiology
Spring 2003**

The mission of Southeastern Louisiana University is to lead the educational, economic, and cultural development of southeast Louisiana.

The purpose of the Kinesiology and Health Studies Department is to prepare prospective Health and Kinesiology professionals with a quality educational foundation which will allow them to assume professional roles in society through a career in business, industry, agencies, hospitals, or educational settings. The M.A. in Kinesiology allows students to select concentrations in Exercise Science, Health Studies, Health Promotion and Exercise Science, and Kinesiology

GOAL 1: M.A. in Health and Kinesiology graduates will demonstrate the ability to communicate high levels of knowledge, and the application thereof, in specific areas of study. These data are collected from the Oral Comprehensive Exam by the department.

A. Expected Outcome: Graduates will demonstrate competence in oral communication.

Assessment: 90% of graduates will score satisfactory or better on the average scores on the Graduate Oral Comprehensive Exam item(s) focusing on “communication skills.”

B. Expected Outcome: Graduates will demonstrate an ability to synthesize, apply, and interpret/evaluate research and literature in their respective specialized areas of study.

Assessment: 90% of graduates will score satisfactory or better on the average scores on the Graduate Oral Comprehensive Exam item(s) focusing on “thinking skills.”

C. Expected Outcome: Graduates will demonstrate an adequate knowledge of statistics and research methods applied to studies in their respective specialized areas.

Assessment: 90% of graduates will score satisfactory or better on the average scores on the Graduate Oral Comprehensive Exam item(s) focusing on “statistics and research.”

D. Expected Outcome: Graduates will demonstrate the ability to integrate and synthesize knowledge content acquired from courses taken in his/her individualized M.A. program of study.

Assessment: 90% of graduates will score satisfactory or better on the average scores on the Graduate Oral Comprehensive Exam item(s) focusing on “knowledge of specific content areas.”

GOAL 2: M.A. in Health and Kinesiology graduates will evaluate aspects of their graduate program and preparation favorably on the Exit Survey, Alumni Survey, and Graduate Student Opinion of Program survey (collected by the department).

- A. *Expected Outcome: Graduates will express satisfaction with the preparation they received relative to specific items pertaining to the quality of instruction and experiences.*

Assessment

1. On the exit survey, 75% of graduates will express satisfaction with the preparation they received (indicate 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale) on the following items:
 - Effectiveness of the faculty as teachers
 - Quality of instruction in advanced courses
 - Practicum, internship, clinical, or other hands-on experiences outside the classroom
 - Overall quality of your degree program
2. 75% of graduate students who complete the Survey of Graduate Alumni will express satisfaction (indicate 4 or 5 out on a 5-point scale) on the following items:
 - Effectiveness of the faculty as teachers
 - Quality of instruction in advanced courses
 - Practicum, internship, clinical, or other hands-on experiences outside the classroom
 - Overall quality of your degree program
3. 75% of students who complete the Survey of Graduate Alumni, and who indicate pursuing further education, will express satisfaction with the effectiveness of the experiences at SLU in preparing them for graduate/professional school (indicate “effectively” or “very effectively”).
4. On the “Student Opinion of Program Survey,” 75% of students will favorably evaluate the program (indicate a score of 3 or 4 on a 4-point scale) on the following items:
 - Adequacy of the graduate curriculum in preparing me for career advancement
 - Adequacy of the graduate curriculum in preparing me for further education
 - Availability of opportunities for me to have meaningful participation in research projects
 - Overall quality of my graduate degree program

GOAL 3: M.A. in Health and Kinesiology graduates will have an awareness of multi-cultural issues in their field, and express positive attitudes toward working with diverse colleagues, students, and clients.

NOTE: Students pursuing the M.A. in Health and Kinesiology are exposed to issues related to diversity, and cultural and global perspectives in several courses including: HS 530, HS 610, HS 621, HS 637, KIN 591, KIN 592, and KIN 593. In addition, students who elect to engage in Internship Experiences are placed in multi-cultural settings.