Adult Education and Community Development
MA, MEd, PhD

School of the Environment: Collaborative Specialization in Environment & Health (CSEH)

Below you will find the requirements for students in the Adult Education and Community Development program (MA, MEd, PhD) who are completing a collaborative specialization in Environment & Health. Although this document can provide you with guidance for completing the specialization, note that the School of Graduate Studies Calendar is the authoritative source for degree requirements.

Master of Arts (MA)

AECD MA students complete a total of 4.0 FCEs. Those enrolled in the Collaborative Specialization in Environment & Health complete the following requirements:

- 2.0 FCEs within the Adult Education and Community Development program.
- 0.5 FCE research methods course
- Elective coursework, which must include the following Environment & Health collaborative specialization requirements:
  - ENV4001H: Graduate Seminars in Environment and Health (0.5 FCE)
  - One elective (0.5 FCE) from the CSEH course list.

In addition to the coursework, the MA thesis should be written on an environment and health topic or include an environment and health component. A digital copy of the final thesis must be submitted to the School of the Environment prior to convocation.

It is recommended that each thesis committee has a supervisor from the student’s home department and at least one other member from another graduate unit, both of whom are members of graduate faculty in the School of the Environment.

Master of Education (MEd)

AECD MEd students complete a total of 5.0 FCEs. Students enrolled in the Collaborative Specialization in Environment & Health must have 30% of their coursework (1.5 FCEs) count towards the CSEH and would complete the following requirements:

- 2.5 FCEs within the Adult Education and Community Development program.
- 2.5 FCE electives, which must include the following Environment & Health collaborative specialization requirements:
  - ENV4001H: Graduate Seminars in Environment and Health (0.5 FCE)
  - 0.5 FCE elective from the list of CSEH approved courses
  - Additional 0.5 FCE elective which can include a combination of a second CSEH approved course, ENV3000H/Y: Individual Reading & Research Course, or ENV5555Y: Research Paper.
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

PhD students complete a total of 3.0 FCEs in AECD. Those enrolled in the Collaborative Specialization in Environment & Health would complete the following requirements:

- 1.5 FCEs within the Adult Education and Community Development program.
- 0.5 FCE research methods course
- Elective coursework, which must include the following Environment & Health collaborative specialization requirements:
  - ENV 4001H: Graduate Seminars in Environment and Health (0.5 FCE)
  - One elective (0.5 FCE) from the approved CSEH course list

In addition, students complete a thesis on a theme in environment and health. It is recommended that the thesis committee membership will include a supervisor (from the student's home department who is a member of the CSEH core faculty) and at least one other member from a collaborating department. A digital copy of the final thesis must be submitted to the School of the Environment prior to convocation.

All PhD students are required to give an oral presentation of their doctoral research as part of the School’s Environment and Health Seminar Series or Research Day, which is held once per year. For the latter, the oral presentation may or may not be done in conjunction with a summary poster, depending on the decided format of the School’s Research Day in any given year.