Thesis Timeline for Students Pursuing a MS in Health Behavior and Health Education

The thesis is an original work conducted by the student under close supervision by a faculty advisor. The thesis requires two full semesters to complete and following the plan below will maximize your success. Please confirm the deadline for thesis submission to the Graduate School for the semester in which you intend to graduate and complete the checklist below under the guidance of the faculty advisor.

Year One

- Work with advisor to select a topic of interest for your research
- Create a research plan and provide a brief overview and outline to your advisor
- Work with advisor to select a tentative 2nd reader
- Create a timeline for the entire project including target dates

Year Two Semester One

- Confirm submission date required by the Graduate School
- Enroll in HED 698a: Thesis (note that HED 698a and 698b may not be taken concurrently)
- Revisit the timeline
- Complete thesis proposal (introduction, review of literature, methods)*
- Work with advisor to confirm a 2nd reader

Year Two Semester Two

- Enroll in HED 698b: Thesis
- Revisit the timeline
- Conduct the research study
- Continue to revise introduction, review of literature, methods*
- Work with your advisor to select a journal to submit the final thesis and use that format to prepare a manuscript*
- Finalize thesis draft with advisor* ^
- With advisor approval, submit final thesis draft to 2nd reader at least 4 weeks prior to Graduate School deadline (2nd reader needs two weeks to review)
- Prepare and give slide presentation at KHE master’s thesis presentation day
- With approval of advisor, submit thesis to the Graduate School

* Remember to give your advisor and reader at least 2 weeks to review multiple drafts of the thesis and take responsibility for making revisions in a timely manner.

^ The final format of the thesis includes an introduction, review of literature, and full manuscript