

Students Planning to Graduate in Fall 2025 or Spring 2026

FALL 2025

All Health Promotion students who are planning to graduate in **Fall 2025** will need to complete an Application for Degree form. The "Apply for a Degree" form can be found in the myBanner for Students section under "Academic Records" at the myState login. You must submit this form by the deadline, along with the appropriate fee, to graduate. The deadline for the degree application is **October 17, 2025**.

Students who have not completed comprehensive exams must complete an Application for Comprehensive Exam form (located in this packet). This form is due by **October 23, 2025**. Please return all comprehensive exam application forms to Dr. Leah Pylate at P.O. Box 9805, MSU, MS 39762 or via e-mail at lbp77@msstate.edu. If you are interested in taking the comprehensive exams, please contact Dr. Pylate for more information.

Please note that the successful completion of the comprehensive exam is a requirement for graduation. The date for comprehensive exams is **Thursday, November 6, 2025**. You must be within six (6) hours of graduating and/or in your final semester in the program and enrolled in an MSU class (as opposed to transfer credit) to qualify to take the comprehensive exams.

SPRING 2026

All Health Promotion students who are planning to graduate in **Spring 2026** will need to complete an Application for Degree form. The "Apply for a Degree" form can be found in the myBanner for Students section under "Academic Records" at the myState login. You must submit this form by the deadline, along with the appropriate fee, to graduate. The deadline for the degree application is **March 27, 2026**.

Students who have not completed comprehensive exams must complete an Application for Comprehensive Exam form (located in this packet). This form is due by **March 19, 2026**. Please return all comprehensive exam application forms to Dr. Leah Pylate at P.O. Box 9805, MSU, MS 39762 or via e-mail at lbp77@msstate.edu. If you are interested in taking the comprehensive exams, please contact Dr. Pylate for more information.

Please note that the successful completion of the comprehensive exam is a requirement for graduation. The date for comprehensive exams is **Thursday, April 9, 2026**. You must be within six (6) hours of graduating and/or in your final semester in the program and enrolled in an MSU class (as opposed to transfer credit) to qualify to take the comprehensive exams.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your advisor.

*Currently, Dr. Pylate is serving as the advisor for health promotion graduate students.
Dr. Leah Pylate: lbp77@msstate.edu*

APPLICATION FOR COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

Master of Science in Food Science, Nutrition, and Health Promotion with a concentration in Health Promotion

The comprehensive examination for students in this program will be held on **Thursday, November 6, 2025, & April 9, 2026, in Room 211, Herzer Building**. If you plan to take the examination on either of these dates, please complete this form and email it to Dr. Leah Pylate, lbp77@msstate.edu. The form must be received by **October 23, 2025, for fall graduates and March 19, 2026, for spring graduates**. Be sure to complete all information.

Name:		MSU ID #	
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Mailing address following graduation:						
	City:		State:		Zip:	

Phone # and alternate phone #:	Email:
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The five courses my advisor has approved for me to be tested on are:	FNH 8553 Behavioral Epidemiology
FNH 8513 Theory and Practice of Health Education	FNH 8613 Design/Administration of HP Programs
FNH 8523 Health Promotion Techniques	FNH 8653 Implementation/Evaluation of HP Programs

I am (will be) registered in the following courses at the time I take the comprehensive examination:

I am enrolled in or have completed FNH 7000 OR FNH 8673:	
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The title of my Directed Individual Study (for those with FNH 7000 credits only) is:	
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I applied for graduation and paid the graduation fee for:
 (Place an "X" in the appropriate place) Fall 2025 Spring 2026 Summer 2026

October 17, 2025, or March 27, 2026, is the last day to apply via myState for graduation with the \$50 fee.

THE GRADUATE STUDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MEETING WITH THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PROGRAM OF STUDY REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN FULFILLED.

Directions: Students who are pursuing the Master of Science degree in Food Science, Nutrition, and Health Promotion with a concentration in Health Promotion complete a comprehensive examination covering the five (5) core classes in the program. Please fill in the requested information concerning when you took each of the designated classes, your instructor's name, and whether the class was taken on campus or by distance education.

STUDENT'S NAME	
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Course Title:	Distance? (Y/N)	Instructor	Sem/Yr
FNH 8513 Theory and Practice of Health Education			
FNH 8523 Health Promotion Techniques			
FNH 8553 Behavioral Epidemiology			
FNH 8613 Design/Administration of HP Programs			
FNH 8653 Implementation/Evaluation of HP Programs			

SIGNATURE OF ACADEMIC ADVISOR _____

Special Instructions for Distance Education Students Only

Students who are pursuing the Master of Science in Food Science, Nutrition, and Health Promotion with a concentration in Health Promotion may elect to take comprehensive exams on the Mississippi State University campus or at their own location under the supervision of an approved proctor.

If you wish to take the comprehensive exam at Mississippi State University, please check the box below. The exam will be completed in two sessions, each three hours in length, on the designated date. For the exact exam location (i.e., room number and building), contact Dr. Pylate.

I wish to take my Master of Science comprehensive examination at Mississippi State University on the specified date.

YES

NO

If you wish to take the comprehensive exam under the supervision of a proctor, please provide the information requested below. Please note that you must provide the requested information to Dr. Pylate and receive approval of your choice of proctor prior to final submission of the application.

For distance education students who are taking the comprehensive examination with a proctor, please provide the following information*:

*** Please be sure that your choice of proctor has been approved by Dr. Pylate before providing this information.**

Proctor's Name/Title:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	

For more information about the comprehensive exam, please visit the Distance Education page for Health Promotion. On the bottom half of this page, you will find Comprehensive Exams information, including information about structure, grading, and expectations.

<https://www.online.msstate.edu/health>.