



Online Six-Week Courses via Professional Learning Academy

Mississippi University for Women's (The W) [Professional Learning Academy](#) has partnered with The W's Department of Health and Kinesiology and Mississippi First to offer a **Sexual Health Educator Certificate** through a series of Continuing Education Courses.

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Each six-week course is completely online and self-paced through **Outreach & Innovation's Professional Learning Academy**. **A total of 2 CEUs, 1 OSL, or 15 SEMIs (All MDE Approved), 20 CECHs (all courses) and 20 MCECHs (select courses) can be earned (All NCHEC Approved)**. Mississippi maintains one of the highest teen pregnancy rates and sexually transmitted infection (STI) rates in the nation.

By law, each Mississippi school district must have a sexual health education policy. HB 999 requires school districts to select teachers to assist with the implementation of this law. **By taking three designated sexual health educator courses, at \$59 each, participants can apply for a Sexual Health Educator Certificate for an additional charge of \$50.**

Introduction to Sexual Health Education in Mississippi

- Develop an understanding of the goal and objectives of sexual health education within secondary schools.
- Different types of sexual health education in Mississippi.
- Current terminology associated with sexual health education.

Multi-Cultural Aspects of Sexual Health Education

- How to address cultural aspects of sexual health education.
- Learn varying issues of concern that are most common when teaching sexual health education to diverse groups of students.

Teaching Safe Sex Practices in the Classroom

- Different forms of contraceptives used for both STI prevention and pregnancy prevention.
- Skills needed to educate students on using contraceptives to reduce unplanned pregnancy and STI transmission.
- Participants will learn how to teach safe sex practices within the requirements of the laws of Mississippi.

Common Issues Associated with Teaching Sexual Health Education *(Beginning July 2017)*

- Different types of sexual behaviors common among adolescents.
- Skills for addressing sensitive topics within sexual health education.
- Different sexual health education needs of students based on racial backgrounds, physical disability, and cognitive deficits.

Teaching Methods of Sexual Health Education *(Beginning July 2017)*

- National Teacher Preparation Standards for Sexuality Education.
- Implementation of the National Teacher Preparation Standards for Sexuality Education within their classrooms.
- Delivery techniques to improve the facilitation of sexual health education within the classroom.

Registration is now open.

If you have any questions, please email pl@muw.edu or call **662-241-6101**.

Courses are \$59/each and non-refundable.

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