



Twin Cities Campus

Prevention Science Minor

Family Social Science

College of Education and Human Development

Link to a [list of faculty](#) for this program.

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- Program Type: Graduate free-standing minor
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2022
- Length of program in credits (Masters): 12
- Length of program in credits (Doctorate): 12
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

Prevention science is defined for the purposes of this program as the scientific study of systematic efforts to reduce the incidence of unhealthy or maladaptive behavior, and to promote health and adaptive behavior in populations across the life span through designing and evaluating interventions, and utilizing knowledge about them more strategically.

The fundamental assumption of this free-standing minor is that future researchers and scholars will be most able to meet the challenges and changes occurring in society and in their chosen professions and disciplines if their training is comprehensive and transdisciplinary.

Prevention science is a rapidly expanding interdisciplinary field and this program will increase opportunities for the University's academic researchers to partner with communities to address the complex issues facing society.

Six areas of concentration will be offered. Students will be expected to select one as a major emphasis. Areas of concentration are: 1) promotion of mental health and well being across the life span; 2) interventions in education, health, and social services; 3) social policy; 4) family and community studies (early stage research, needs assessments, action research); 5) methodology; 6) individualized concentration.

For more information about these areas of concentration, visit <https://www.cehd.umn.edu/fsos/programs/phd/prev-sci-minor.html>

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.00.

Other requirements to be completed before admission:

Students must have gained admission to a doctoral degree-granting program, and have prepared a minor program of coursework approved by the director of graduate studies in prevention science. Students are required to make formal application to the program. Doctoral students must apply prior to submitting their graduate degree program in the Graduate Planner and Audit System (GPAS) for approval. Instructions and form can be found at <https://www.cehd.umn.edu/fsos/programs/phd/prev-sci-minor.html>

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Use of 4xxx courses towards program requirements is not permitted.

The doctoral minor is developed in consultation with, and should be approved in advance by, the director of graduate studies for prevention science.



The purpose of the minor is to provide students with interdisciplinary training in prevention science; therefore, all students will be required to fulfill the elective requirements for the minor by taking courses outside their major. Courses counting toward a student's major may not be counted toward the minor. All minor coursework must be taken A-F and completed with a GPA of at least 3.0.

Required Courses

[PREV 8001](#) - Prevention Science: Principles and Practices (3.0 cr)

or [FSOS 5701](#) - Prevention Science: Principles and Practices (3.0 cr)

[PREV 8002](#) - Prevention Science Research Methodology (3.0 cr)

or [FSOS 5702](#) - Prevention Science Research Methodology (3.0 cr)

[PREV 8003](#) - New Topics in Prevention: Implementation and Dissemination (3.0 cr)

or [FSOS 5703](#) - New Topics in Prevention: Implementation and Dissemination (3.0 cr)

ELECTIVE

Elective course from area of concentration (3.0 cr)

Program Sub-plans

Students are required to complete one of the following sub-plans.

Students may not complete the program with more than one sub-plan.

Doctoral