

Health Education & Behavior Editor Search

Application Deadline: **Sunday, June 7, 2026 | 11:59 p.m. ET**

Health Education & Behavior (HE&B) is a peer-reviewed, bimonthly journal that publishes authoritative empirical research and commentary on critical health issues of interest to a broad range of professionals whose work involves understanding factors associated with health behavior and evidence-based social and behavioral strategies to improve health status.

This journal explores social and behavioral change as they affect health status and quality of life. HE&B examines the processes of planning, implementing, managing, and assessing health education and social-behavioral interventions. It is a member of the [Committee on Publication Ethics \(COPE\)](#).



The journal audience consists primarily of researchers and practitioners in health behavior and health education. Typical manuscripts published in the journal include empirical research using qualitative or quantitative methods; formative, process, and outcome evaluations; and literature reviews. Each manuscript submitted is expected to include implications for theory, policy, and/or practice in the discussion section. If a study assesses an intervention, a description of the intervention should be included in the methods section of the manuscript.

Editor Responsibilities & Qualifications

The editor is responsible for the journal's direction and vision, including:

- Remaining familiar with publication standards and guidelines to sustain the journal's credibility.
- Utilizing recognized guidelines and procedures in scholarly publishing to resolve practical and ethical challenges in a timely, efficient, and effective manner.
- Delivering the content and table of contents for four regular issues each year plus any additional supplements and/or focus issues by the publisher's deadline.
- Soliciting manuscripts on timely topics that align with emerging topic areas of interest to the journal.
- Refining and overseeing the journal's peer review processes.
- Assuring the quality and credibility of all published content.

- Overseeing that submissions are processed in a timely manner.
- Effectively managing a global, diverse editorial board.
- Maintaining an effective relationship with SOPHE staff, board of trustees, publisher's staff, and contractors.
- Collaborating with SOPHE and the publisher to increase the journal's visibility, readership, and impact per the current [SOPHE Strategic Plan](#).
- Mandatory attendance at SOPHE's Annual Conference and designated board of trustees' meetings.
- Generating and submitting a quality and responsive annual report to the board detailing progress, accomplishments, and future directions.
- Coordinating marketing, communications and social media efforts when appropriate.

The ideal candidate will bring a mindset that fosters creative ideas to position the journal for continuous growth. In addition, the ideal candidate will possess exceptional leadership and communication skills.

After a brief transition period, the appointment for the new editor will begin January 1, 2027. The appointment is supported by an annual stipend not to exceed a period of five years.

Additionally, the incoming editor will participate in a comprehensive editorial orientation conducted by the publisher. This comprehensive orientation will provide an overview of ScholarOne, the journal's manuscript management system.

The successful applicant:

- Is or will be a national SOPHE member for the length of their service as the editor.
- Has an advanced degree in health education or a related field, CHES® or MCHES® certification preferred.
- Possesses a track record of publications.
- Has a working familiarity with one or more of the following areas of expertise: curriculum development, training program design and evaluation, educational assessment, and educational administration.
- Has experience with the editorial process while serving in one or more of the following journal-related roles: editor, associate editor, editorial board member, and/or a regular reviewer.
- Demonstrated commitment to the advancing the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) to maintain and strengthen PHP's standing, reputation, and credibility in the field of scholarly publishing.

[Application Requirements](#)

Applications must be submitted by Sunday, June 7, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. ET and include the following:

- Cover letter.
- Current curriculum vitae/resume that includes a list of the applicant's publications.
- The candidate's vision statement for *Health Education & Behavior* (no longer than 500 words).
- Candidate's statement on how their background, training, and experience uniquely qualifies them for the position (no longer than 500 words).
- Candidate's statement discussing commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (no longer than 500 words).
- Two copies of the applicant's representative peer-reviewed publications.
- Please submit all application requirements in one pdf file.

All applications will be screened to identify candidates selected-invited to complete interviews. Interviews will be conducted throughout the month of June. All candidates will receive notice of the status of their application. **NOTE: Finalists will be asked to provide a statement of support from a supervising administrator from the applicant's institution or organization.**

SOPHE anticipates making its selection no later than Friday, July 10.

Submit applications to: HEBeditorsearch@sophe.org

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