

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Programs

The requirements leading to teacher certification in K-12 health and physical education parallel the accreditation standards and guidelines of the National Association of Sport and Physical Education and of the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The curriculum is designed to prepare future physical education teachers for the challenge of teaching K-12 students about the importance of physical activity and health.

PETE Mission Statement

The mission of the SRU Physical Education Teacher Education (PETE) program is to prepare educators who will possess the professional commitment and competence to design, deliver, and assess developmentally appropriate health and physical education programs to meet the needs of learners in the 21st century.

Career Opportunities

In addition to teaching in a secondary school, graduates could obtain employment in museums and businesses where planning, presentation, and evaluation skills are required in the informal education or training environments. In addition, graduates may elect to further their education to add certification areas to their teaching certificate and/or to obtain a graduate degree.

Students are also encouraged to include an additional emphasis area, minor or concentration of courses in one of the following: sport management, aquatics, coaching or dance. The total program is designed to provide a comprehensive knowledge base in health and physical education pedagogy.

Liberal Education Requirements*

Approximately one-half of a student's courses will be credited toward completing liberal studies requirements. The liberal studies program is designed to provide students with the breadth of knowledge expected of an educated person in our society. These courses compliment the depth of specialty acquired in a student's major.

The program contains seven critical goals or areas of study. For each area, students select one or two classes from a selection of "goal courses." In addition, in some areas of study, students select a course from a wide class selection identified as "enrichment courses." These courses provide the opportunity to broaden and deepen knowledge in the goal area. Lastly, co-curricular "Supporting Experiences," are identified. These activities and programs available to all students and encompass working on student publications, belonging to honorary societies or working with various special on-campus special interest groups.

Goal I: Basic Competencies

Goal II: The Arts

Goal III: Cultural Diversity and Global Perspective

Goal IV: Human Institutions and Interpersonal Relationships

Goal V: Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Goal VI: Our National Experience

Goal VII: Challenges of the Modern Age

**All SRU students must complete the liberal studies requirements, which are counted in the total credit hours required for graduation and may be contained in the Major Requirements previously listed.*

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Entrance Requirements

Official High School Transcripts, including a 12th Grade class schedule if applicable

SAT or ACT Scores

\$25.00 application fee

Major Requirements

BS ED in Physical Education

41 credits	Liberal Studies
26 credits	Physical Education Methods
19 credits	Physical Education
	Professional
25 credits	Physical Activity Theory
9 credits	Health Professional Courses

120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation

Teacher Certification

The department follows guidelines established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Specific course, QPA, Praxis Examination, Act 34 and 151 Clearances, and other requirements may be obtained at the department office.

The specific course of study and the requirements leading to teacher certification administered by the Department of Physical Education are available in the departmental office, from the student's advisor, and from the Teacher Education Policy Manual, available in 105 McKay Education Building and on the College of Education homepage. Guidelines on admission, professional conduct, and student teaching for this department are subject to change. Current requirements for the College of Education as a whole may be found in the Teacher Education Policy Manual.

Graduate Study

The department offers a Master of Education degree program in physical education. The M.Ed. in Physical Education program is designed for individuals interested in the study of teaching, curriculum development, and/or the supervision and administration of physical education. The program is for certified teachers in K-12 health and physical education wanting to pursue an advanced degree or earn graduate credit hours for permanent certification or Act 48 requirements.

Students will concentrate on individualized professional development through courses focused on the application of current research to actual health and physical education classes. The focus will be on turning theory into practice, utilizing application in a classroom setting. A practicum experience will be the culminating requirement.

The faculty of the Master of Education program focus their teaching, service, and research on physical education in the public schools (K-12), and on professional development and teacher preparation. Through SRU Physical Education Teaching Centers, collaborative relationships between university and public school faculty enhance both research and education programs.

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