Master of Science in Education
Physical Education with a Concentration in Coaching (MSEd)

Student Recreation Center
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Within each concentration, there are thesis and non-thesis options.

This emphasis will offer additional theories and knowledge in the coaching profession providing advanced skills to those individuals pursuing a coaching career. The courses selected for the Coaching Education emphasis area will meet accreditation standards, certify students as athletic coaches, and provide valuable knowledge and skills.

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Admission
Admission and Entrance Requirements
Applicants for the MSEd in Physical Education are required to submit credentials for consideration through the Office of Graduate Admissions at Old Dominion University. Students applying for admission with regular status must have:

• A completed online application via www.odu.edu/admission/graduate

• A baccalaureate degree from a regionally-accredited institution or an equivalent degree from a foreign institution

• 2.8 cumulative GPA or higher (on a 4.0 scale) *

• 3.0 GPA or higher in the undergraduate major *

• A combined GRE score of 291 or higher (verbal and quantitative sections) *

• Personal essay (no more than two pages) addressing motivations to apply to program, career interests, and ability to complete graduate level work

• Three letters of recommendation (from former professors or employers)

• Current copy of résumé

• Transcripts from all prior postsecondary institutions

• Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 550 on the paper-based test (or 79-80 on the iBT) for non-native English speakers

* Students who have a low GPA or a low GRE score may be considered for admission with provisional status.

** The program admissions committee will consider GRE waiver requests for high potential candidates by considering application elements that demonstrate the ability to take on the rigor of graduate level studies. A request for a waiver does not guarantee that a waiver will be granted.

Curriculum
Prerequisites
| BIOL 250 | Human Anatomy and Physiology I |
| or BIOL 240 | Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology I |
| EXSC 322 | Anatomical Kinesiology |
| HPE 409 | Physiology of Exercise |

Note: Students who do not have equivalent coursework or appropriate educational experiences must complete these prerequisite courses.

Research Core
| FOUN 611 | Introduction to Research Methods in Education |
| or FOUN 612 | Applied Research Methods in Education |
| FOUN 722 | Introduction to Applied Statistics and Data Analysis |

Core Courses
| HPE 718 | Applied Learning and Coaching Theory |
| HPE 719 | Planning and Administration in PE and Sport Programs |
| HPE 721 | Motivational Issues in Sports |
| HPE 740 | Motor Learning and Development |
| HPE 745 | Assessment/Evaluation and Technology in Sport/PE |

Capstone Experience
Select one of the following:

** Internship Option (3-6 Credits): *
| HPE 668 | Internship in Health & Physical Education |

** Electives (3-6 credits)
| Thesis Option: (3-6 Credits)
| HPE 698 | Thesis |
| HPE 699 | Thesis |

** Electives (3-6 credits)
| Select one of the following: |
| EXSC 508 | Nutrition for Fitness and Sport (pre-req EXSC 409 Ex Phys) |
| HPE 509 | Exercise Physiology (recommended if you have not taken HPE 409 or equivalent as a prerequisite) |
| HPE 720 | Curriculum Development in Physical Education |
| SMGT 760 | Sport Law |

Total Credit Hours
30

* The hours for the internship and electives are variable depending on the student’s interest for elective options and availability of internship opportunities.

** Passing the comprehensive exams is required for the internship option

List of electives is not comprehensive. Prior approval from graduate advisor is required for other possible electives.

Additional Requirements
Continuance and Exit Requirements
Students must meet all requirements for continuance as outlined in the graduate continuance policy for the University. Students completing the program of study must:

• Have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher
• Have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the major
• Demonstrate writing proficiency
• Satisfy all course competencies
• Complete an internship or research problem or thesis
• If doing an internship or research problem, also pass a comprehensive examination
• Have an exit interview with the program director
• File the necessary paperwork for graduation