

Certificate

Adapted Physical Education Certificate

The Graduate Certificate in adapted physical education is designed for individuals who are practicing or planning to teach in school-based physical education settings. This certificate aims to meet the professional advancement needs of at least three populations:

- Existing student populations at ODU interested in acquiring requisite knowledge and skills to effectively teach children with disabilities in physical education. These are expected to include graduate students in each concentration area (i.e., coaching, curriculum & instruction, initial licensure, adapted physical education) of physical education, as well as others in different education-related areas. Graduate degree seeking students will be able to obtain the Certificate and degree simultaneously using the available four elective courses in their degree program.
- Currently practicing physical education teachers looking to further enhance their knowledge and skills in teaching students with disabilities in their classes.
- Non-degree seeking students seeking to enhance their employability in the physical education/ adapted physical education job acquisition search.

Admission

Degree seeking graduate-level students admitted to the certificate program must meet ODU requirements for graduate admission: an earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally-accredited institution or an equivalent degree from a foreign institution. Those whose native language is not English must submit a minimum score of 230 on the computer-based TOEFL or 80 on the TOEFL iBT.

Individuals not seeking graduate-level degrees admitted to the certificate program must have a completed baccalaureate degree (or equivalent).

Curriculum Requirements

The certificate requires four (4) three-hour courses for a total of twelve (12) credits. This includes three core courses and one elective course, as follows

Core Courses

HPE 504	Adapted Physical Education	3
HPE 704	Advanced Studies in Adapted Physical Education	3
HPE 740	Motor Learning and Development	3

Elective Courses

HPE 720	Curriculum Development in Physical Education	3
or HPE 745	Assessment/Evaluation and Technology in Sport/PE	

Total Credit Hours		12
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