

Master of Science in Education Physical Education with a Concentration in Initial Virginia Licensure in Health and Physical Education (MSEd)

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

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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 (<http://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
- Have passing scores for Virginia Communication & Literacy Assessment (VCLA) or equivalent tests

* 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

Specific requirements for the program are as follows (33 total graduate credits with additional credits up to 54 as needed to satisfy Virginia licensure requirements):

Prerequisites for VA Teaching Licensure

BIOL 105N	Biology for Nonscience Majors I
BIOL 250	Human Anatomy and Physiology I
or BIOL 240	Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology I

EXSC 322	Anatomical Kinesiology
HPE 200	Foundations of Education, Physical Education and Health
HPE 220	Teaching of Team Sports
HPE 222	Teaching Individual Sports and Dance
HPE 324	Teaching Injury Care for Sports
HPE 480	Teacher Candidate Seminar
TLED 408	Reading and Writing in Content Areas
HPE 469	Practicum Experience and Instructional Planning in Health and Physical Education (^)

^Field Observation and/or teaching experience required

Master Level Core Course Requirements

HPE 719	Planning and Administration in PE and Sport Programs	3
HPE 720	Curriculum Development in Physical Education	3
HPE 740	Motor Learning and Development	3
HPE 745	Assessment/Evaluation and Technology in Sport/PE	3

VA Teaching Licensure Requirements

HPE 402	Methods and Materials in Health Education	3
HPE 430	Nutrition and Fitness Education	3
HPE 504	Adapted Physical Education	3
HPE 509	Exercise Physiology	3

Research Foundation

FOUN 611	Introduction to Research Methods in Education	3
or FOUN 612	Applied Research Methods in Education	
FOUN 722	Introduction to Applied Statistics and Data Analysis	3

Internship Requirements

HPE 668	Internship in Health & Physical Education	6
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Electives when needed (advisor approval required)

HPE 636	Research Problems in Health & Physical Education	3
or HPE 721	Motivational Issues in Sports	

Total Credit Hours **39**

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 a teaching internship.
- Students in the licensure path must pass the Praxis exam and complete the teaching internship as their culminating experience/comprehensive examination
- File the necessary paperwork for graduation

Additional Information and Requirements

- Passing score on PRAXIS II Test of Content Knowledge must be on file in the Office of Clinical Experiences before the teacher candidate internship can begin.
- Passing Scores on the VCLA will be required by the Virginia DOE for Licensure.

- With approval from the graduate advisor, the licensure requirements may be fulfilled by equivalent undergraduate courses where applicable.
- Certificate of completion in First Aid/AED/CPR, Dyslexia Awareness Training, Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition and Intervention Training, Regulations Governing the Use of Restraint and Seclusion in Elementary and Secondary Schools, and Cultural Competence Training must be on file with the Office of Clinical Experiences.

** Background check clearance required for teaching licensure admission:

<https://www.odu.edu/success/academic/teacher-education/placement/background-checks> (<https://www.odu.edu/success/academic/teacher-education/placement/background-checks/>).