

Doctor of Philosophy

Education with a Concentration in Human Movement Sciences - Health and Sport Pedagogy (PhD)

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The goal of our doctoral program is to prepare professionals with research knowledge, critical thinking skills and problem solving abilities required to be successful leaders, scholars, and educators. The program provides a solid theoretical foundation, advanced methodological training, one-on-one mentorship, and opportunities to teach undergraduate courses.

We offer a PhD in Education with a concentration in Human Movement Sciences. There are two emphasis areas within the HMS concentration. These include:

Sport & Recreation Management Emphasis – this area focuses on issues related to the administration of sport and recreation organizations. Graduates are prepared for careers as faculty or administrators in higher education, private organizations, public agencies, and/or other research-based institutions.

Health & Sport Pedagogy Emphasis – this area focuses on research, scholarship, and leadership opportunities in health and sport pedagogy. This program prepares individuals for academic positions in departments of physical education/ kinesiology at universities and colleges.

Admission

Admission and Entrance Requirements

Admission to the Human Movement Sciences concentration of the PhD in Education is competitive and meeting the minimum requirements does not ensure admission to the program. The admissions committee reviews applications and considers a number of criteria, including a goodness of fit between student and faculty.

The deadline for applying is January 15. Applicants may be contacted to set up an interview as part of the final selection process.

Individuals interested in applying for the doctoral program with a concentration in Human Movement Sciences must submit the following:

- An application to the University. Contact the Office of Graduate Admissions for applications. Applications for graduate study can be completed online or submitted to the Office of Graduate Admissions (<http://www.odu.edu/admission/graduate/>) (757-683-3685). Apply for the PhD Human Movement Sciences Concentration.
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate courses and degrees completed. To be considered for the program, applicants must have completed a Bachelor's and a Master's degree from regionally accredited colleges/universities. At least one degree should be in a related discipline to the emphasis area. A minimum GPA of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) for the Master's degree is required.
- Two writing samples. The first writing sample should be a research-based document that includes citations and a list of references. This could be a submitted manuscript or published article, a summary of your thesis, or a research paper from a graduate course. The second writing sample should be a personal statement that explains your qualifications,

professional and career goals, and reasons for seeking the PhD. In this second essay, you must also identify the potential professor(s) at ODU with whom you share common research interests.

- A current copy of your résumé or Curriculum Vitae.
- Three letters of recommendation from professional sources qualified to assess your suitability for study at the doctoral level. One letter of recommendation should be from a graduate advisor or faculty member and one should be from a current or former supervisor.
- Official GRE scores taken within the last 5 years that indicate a total score of at least 297 (1000 by former scoring standard) for both the verbal reasoning and quantitative reasoning sections and a minimum of 4.5 on the analytical writing component. While these scores are recommended, other portions of the total application package will be considered. The Sport and Recreation Management emphasis area will also accept GMAT scores of 470 or higher.
- Applicants whose native language is not English must also submit current scores for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) of at least 550, or other equivalent scores.

After successful advancement to candidacy, all doctoral students are required to be registered for at least one graduate credit hour each term (fall, spring, and summer) until the degree is completed, including the semester in which they graduate. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in charges to the student's account for one graduate credit hour plus required fees for each semester after passing the candidacy examination. Students are not eligible for graduation until all charges are paid.

Curriculum

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Requirements for the emphasis are as follows (minimum of 60 credits):

Research Core (12 credits minimum, required*)

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| FOUN 812 | Research Design and Analysis * | 3 |
| TLCI 814 | Qualitative Research Design in Education | 3 |
| FOUN 822 | Applied Linear Models in Educational Research * | 3 |
| FOUN 823 | Analysis of Variance Applied to Educational Research * | 3 |
| FOUN 825 | Applied Multilevel Modeling in Educational Research | 3 |
| FOUN 826 | Applied Structural Equation Modeling in Educational Research | 3 |
| PSYC 847 | Multivariate Methods for the Social/ Behavioral Sciences | 3 |

Health & Sport Pedagogy Emphasis

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| HPE 718 | Applied Learning and Coaching Theory | 3 |
| HPE 721 | Motivational Issues in Sports | 3 |
| HPE 804 | Advanced Studies in Adapted Physical Education | 3 |
| HPE 819 | Planning and Administration in PE and Sport Programs | 3 |
| HPE 820 | Curriculum Development in Physical Education | 3 |
| HPE 840 | Motor Learning and Development | 3 |
| HPE 845 | Assessment/Evaluation and Technology in Sport/PE | 3 |

Professional Preparation (9 credits minimum, required*)

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| FOUN 881 | Dissertation Seminar * | |
| HMS 890 | Doctoral Studies Seminar | |
| PSYC 833 | Grant and Manuscript Writing | |
| or TLCI 804 | Instruction Theories and Models | |

Advisor Approved Electives

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| Select a minimum of 6 credits from the following. Other electives may be approved. Consult with your advisor. | | 6 |
| PSYC 845 | Psychometric Theory | |
| HIED 857 | Learning Environment Design and Assessment | |
| PSYC 835 | Health Psychology | |
| SPED 801 | Historical and Contemporary Research in Special Education | |
| FOUN 816 | Single Subject Research Designs | |
| PRTS 880 | Youth Development in Recreation | |
| Dissertation Capstone Course (12 credits, required*) | | |
| HMS 899 | Dissertation * | 12 |
| Total Credit Hours | | 60 |

Additional Requirements

Continuance and Exit Requirements

Students completing the program of study must:

- Have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- Satisfy all course competencies
- Pass comprehensive examinations
- Complete a dissertation
- Have an exit interview with the program director
- File the necessary paperwork for graduation