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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION**

The curriculum of the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER) department is designed to meet and exceed state and national ac- creditation standards and to prepare students for their professional field of choice. At Albany State University, the HPER department offers two Bachelor of Science degrees: Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Physical Education-Teacher Education certification and a Bachelor of Science degree in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. All students seeking initial Level-4 certification for the Bache- lor of Science in Health and Physical Education (teaching) must apply for admission to Teacher Education and must meet all requirements set forth by the College of Education. (*Please refer to the appropriate section in Teacher Education*.) In addition, an endorsement in driver education is also offered.

The mission of the HPER department is to equip students and stake-holders with the skills and ability needed to enhance the health and welfare of society through the acquisition of knowledge, the significance of discovery, and the value of communication that leads to perpet- ual participation in physical and recreational behaviors. As an academic unit focusing on a multi-disciplinary approach to the study of health and human performance, the intent of the HPER department is to inspire a passion for continuous learning, to endorse healthy be- haviors, and to indoctrinate our students to become leaders and valued members of society. The vision of the HPER department is to be ac- claimed for distinction in academic instruction, innovative in scholarship, and renowned for highly prepared graduates.

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