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Physical Education Teacher Education (PETE) Program

UND PETE Program is dedicated to prepare and develop future professional leaders for careers in physical education. The goals of the basic teacher education programs at the University of North Dakota are to enable the development of teachers who are committed to the continuing process of learning with an emphasis on learning to teach; who are able to take an active role in promoting the learning of students; and who can envision alternative solutions to the challenges posed in schools. Our program is fully approved by the North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board and accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP, formerly NCATE). The teacher certification programs involving physical education are offered through the Department of Teaching and Learning; and KIN leads to a K-12 PE teacher certification. All programs feature several school-based supervised field experiences, designed to help students develop their teaching ability. Over the last five years these programs have been regionally and nationally recognized for innovation in teacher education.

The program consists of a common core of courses with one option: teacher education (Option A), which leads to a certification to teach physical education in grades K-12; related area. Students seeking certification to teach physical education must be admitted to the Teacher Education program which requires a minimum of 2.75 GPA, adequate test scores, and at least 30 credits before applying for admission to Teacher Education Students must also complete the KIN core requirements plus additional courses specific to the preparation for teaching in physical education, including the following courses:

T&L 250 Introduction to Education (3)
T&L 252 Child Development (3)
T&L 339 Technology for Teachers (2)
KIN 220-238 Movement Performance and Analysis (9)
KIN 290 Physical Education Activities for the Elementary Grades (2)
KIN 327 Fitness for Life (3)
KIN 390 Introduction to Teaching in Physical Education and Sport Settings (2)
KIN 390L Introduction to Teaching in Physical Education and Sport Settings Laboratory (2)
KIN 400 Methods & Materials for Teaching Physical Education in the Elementary School (2)
KIN 400L Methods & Materials for Teaching Physical Education in the Elementary School Laboratory (2)
KIN 403 School Health Education (2)
KIN 410 Methods and Materials for Teaching Secondary Physical Education (2)
KIN 410L Methods and Materials for Teaching Secondary Physical Education Laboratory (2)
KIN 420 Curriculum Development for Physical Education (3)
T&L 433 Multicultural Development for Physical Education (3)
KIN 491 Senior Teaching Seminar (3)

Career Opportunities
Our PETE graduates have been very competitive in the job market. Many of them choose to teach in North Dakota, while some venture further afield. A fairly high percentage of our students go on to graduate school and study for advanced practitioner degrees or degrees which enable them to study and teach sport instruction in university settings.

Types of Jobs Accepted

Our recent graduates initially accept elementary, middle school, and high school physical education teaching/coaching positions.

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