



UNIVERSITY OF  
**ARKANSAS**

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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
& HEALTH PROFESSIONS

**MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE:**

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

**GRADUATE MANUAL**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HUMAN  
PERFORMANCE & RECREATION**

# **M.Ed. in Physical Education**

## **University of Arkansas**

### **Introduction**

The Master of Education degree in Physical Education prepares licensed teachers with advanced knowledge and skills needed to become leaders in their communities and profession. The thirty-three credit hour program is delivered entirely online, which allows students the flexibility to pursue the degree at a time and place that accommodates their work schedule. The entire program can be completed within a two-year period by taking two courses per semester using web technology (Blackboard and other online resources). Nationally recognized faculty provide program instruction within their areas of expertise. The program is offered as a graduate program in the College of Education and Health Professions and is administered by the Global Campus.

### **Admission Requirements**

For acceptance to the master's degree program in physical education the program area requires, in addition to the general requirements for admission to the Graduate School, an undergraduate degree in kinesiology or a related field and the following admission standards: an overall undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or greater on a 4.0 scale on all courses undertaken prior to receiving the baccalaureate degree. If the overall undergraduate GPA is between 2.70 and 2.99, the applicant must have a 3.00 GPA on the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work or a minimum GRE of 1000 (old standard) or an equivalent GRE score based on the new GRE scoring system on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the test to be considered for admission.

### **Advising**

Once admitted to the degree program a student will be assigned an academic advisor. Advisors work with the students to develop an academic plan (program of

study) and appropriate committees. It is expected that the academic advisor and student meet either in person or maintain communication through email contact periodically each semester to discuss degree progress and program expectations. It is the student's responsibility to register for courses that are appropriate for the Master's program in Physical Education, as well as become familiar with course rotation sequences.

Graduate reviews involving both the academic advisor and student are conducted annually and submitted to the University of Arkansas Graduate School.

Occasionally, a student may select to change an academic advisor. The process of formally changing an advisor requires the completion of the "Change of Advising Form" which can be obtained from the HHPR Department secretary. The signature of both the new and previous advisor is required for the change to take place. Failure to know or follow program guidelines is NOT considered a legitimate reason for not completing program requirements. Students should maintain regular contact with their advisor in order to ensure smooth progress through the degree program.

## **Program of Study**

A minimum of 33 graduate credit hours beyond the baccalaureate is required for the degree. Student's may transfer up to and including 6 credit hours of graduate course work from another degree program into their program of study in order to satisfy the minimum credit hour requirement if approved by the student's Academic Program Advisor and the University of Arkansas Graduate School. Specific degree program requirements are listed below.

Master of Education in Physical Education (33 Credit Hours)

### **REQUIRED RESEARCH COMPONENT (6 CREDITS):**

ESRM 5393 Applied Educational Statistics **or**  
ESRM 6403 Elementary Statistics and Data Processing Applied to Education  
HHPR 5353 Research in HHPR

### **REQUIRED CORE COURSES (18 credits):**

PHED 5243 Sport Skill Assessment and Instruction  
PHED 5253 The Physical Education Curriculum  
PHED 5273 Professional Issues in Physical Education and Sport  
KINS 5643 Motor Learning  
KINS 5753 Sport Psychology  
PHED 6363 Supervision in Physical Education

### **REQUIRED PROJECT (3 CREDITS)**

KINS 605V Independent Study (Master's Degree Project)

### **APPROVED ELECTIVES ( 6 CREDITS)**

The student, in consultation with the Academic Advisor, will identify further coursework (advisor approved electives) in Physical Education/Kinesiology and consistent with the goals and objectives of the student and institution. Highly recommended electives include PHED 5313 Risk Management in Physical Education & Athletics and KINS 5553 Scientific Principles of Movement and Performance. Note – Both courses are offered online once every two years.

## **Satisfactory Grades**

Students are expected to receive satisfactory grades in order to continue in the program. The HHPR Department adheres to the University of Arkansas' Graduate School guidelines in regards to probationary status and program dismissal. The official Graduate School policy states, *“Whenever a regularly admitted graduate student earns a cumulative grade-point average below 2.85 on graded course work taken in residence for graduate credit, he/she will be warned of the possibility of academic dismissal. When a graduate student has accumulated a minimum of 15 hours of graded course work taken in residence for graduate credit with a cumulative grade-point average below 2.85, and has received at least one warning he/she will be academically dismissed from the Graduate School.”* (UA Graduate Catalog)

A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 is required for graduation. Grades of either “D” or “F” count toward grade point average but do not satisfy degree requirements and must be either re-taken or another course substituted in place of it with advisor approval.

## Capstone Experience

The designated capstone experience course for the M.Ed. in Physical Education is PHED 605V Independent Study. Receiving a passing grade in the course requires the successful completion of the following two components: (1) an in depth research project focused on a current issue or problem related to physical education/kinesiology, and (2) an exit interview whereby the student is asked to apply knowledge, psychometric learning experience, principles, and content learned throughout the program to real life teaching situations. Rubrics will be used to evaluate both the research project and exit interview. Failure to receive a course grade of C or better in the course will require the student to retake the entire course and capstone experience.

## Required Forms to Graduate

For the Master's degree, the graduate school requires that the following form be completed by the student: IRB approval form if the student is collecting data. Faculty must submit after comps a Record of Progress form to the University of Arkansas Graduate School signed by at least 3 faculty members.

## Master's Program Completion Guidelines

<b>REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>HANDLING</b>	<b>PROCEDURE</b>
Plan a Program of Study	Immediately following admission to program.	Major Advisor Student	First advising session
Capstone Experience	PHED 605V Independent Study	Course Instructor Student	File completed project
Record of Progress	Following the completed examination process	Student Major Advisor	Form available in HPER 308. Signed by all Advisory Committee Members.
Graduation application card/Graduation fee payment	Deadline date is typically early in the semester. Check the Graduate	Student	Card available at Grad School, pay fee at Registrar's Office, Silas

	School dates.		Hunt Hall 146.
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## **HHPR Department Policies**

1. Faculty agreed that the two week (10 working days) reading time requirement of thesis be enforced among all graduate students.
2. Two formats have been approved for thesis. Both use APA style and one conforms to journal format. The journal format requires multiple articles be completed and suitable for journal submission.
3. Thirty three-credit hours is the minimum number of hours required to complete a Master of Science degree in the HHPR Department. A maximum of six credit hours from Masters coursework may be transferred into the program if approved by the student's advisor and the University of Arkansas Graduate School.
4. A minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 is required for graduation. "D" or "F" grades count towards grade point average, but do not satisfy degree requirements and must be either taken again or another course substituted in place of it with advisor approval.
5. HHPR Department policy regarding walking at graduation ceremonies: masters students are only allowed to walk at graduation ceremonies if they have signed up for all final coursework during the semester that they are planning to graduate and either have passed their written and or oral comprehensive exam or successfully defended their thesis. Note – a successful defense of the thesis implies that all committee members have agreed that the student has passed the defense even though the student may have to make minor corrections/changes to the document. Also, all committee members may not have completely signed off on either the student's thesis or record or progress. For the M.Ed. in Physical Education program students must have successfully passed all coursework including their Capstone Experience in order to walk at graduation ceremonies.

6. Students need to be sure to follow all Graduate School procedures, timelines, and deadlines to successfully matriculate through the degree program. This includes deadlines for thesis submission and graduation. Lastly, Master's students must apply for graduation at the UA Graduate School Office early in the semester in which they plan on graduation and must meet the official thesis deadline date established by the graduate school each semester.