



UNIVERSITY OF
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MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE:

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

GRADUATE MANUAL

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HUMAN
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Introduction

The Master of Education degree in Physical Education prepares health/physical education teachers and other professionals with advanced knowledge and skills needed to become leaders in their communities and profession. The 30 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 standard acceptance, the program requires, a) the general [requirements for admission](#) to the Graduate School, b) an undergraduate degree in kinesiology, education, or a related field, and c) an overall undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or greater on a 4.0 scale or a 3.00 GPA on the last 60 hours of attempted course work. Applicants who do not meet the requirements for standard acceptance will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Advising

Once admitted to the degree program a student will be assigned an academic advisor. The advisor will work with the student to develop an academic plan (program of study). It is expected that the academic advisor and student maintain communication 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 M.Ed. 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.

Time Limit for Degree Completion

All requirements for a master's degree must be completed within six consecutive calendar years from the first semester of enrollment in that program.

Transfer of Credit

A maximum of 6 hours of course work may be transferred from another institution towards a master's degree at the University of Arkansas. A form is required and may be obtained from the Graduate School. In addition, an official transcript must be on file with the Graduate School.

The following are the criteria for acceptable transfer credit:

- The course must have been regularly offered by a regionally accredited graduate school.
- The course must have been a bona fide graduate level course, approved for graduate credit and taught by a member of the graduate faculty.
- The student desiring to transfer graduate credit must have been enrolled as a graduate student in the graduate school at the institution offering the course.
- The course must appear on an official transcript as graduate credit from the institution offering the course.
- Only graded courses are subject to transfer and the course grade must be a "B" or "A."
- The course must be recommended by the student's major adviser and be applicable to the degree requirement at the University of Arkansas.
- The student must have satisfied the 24 hour residence requirement.

Program of Study

A minimum of 30 graduate credit hours beyond the baccalaureate is required for the degree. Student's may transfer up to 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.

Required Courses (30 CREDITS):

- PHED 52503 The Physical Education Curriculum
- PHED 52703 Professional Issues in Physical Education and Sport
- PHED 53103 Risk Management in Physical Education and Athletics
- PHED 54803 Conducting Research in Physical Education
- PHED 55503 Scientific Principles of Movement and Performance
- PHED 56403 Motor Learning
- PHED 57503 Sport Psychology
- PHED 58003 Measurement Concepts for K-12 Physical Education Teachers
- PHED 63603 Supervision in Physical Education
- PHED 67203 Funding Opportunities in Education*

*Capstone project

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 regard 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 re-taken.

Capstone Experience

The designated capstone experience course for the M.Ed. in Physical Education is PHED 6723 Funding Opportunities in Education. Successful completion of the course includes a grant writing project. 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.

Master's Program Completion Guidelines

REQUIREMENT	DEADLINE	HANDLING	PROCEDURE
Plan a Program of Study	Immediately following admission to program.	Major Advisor Student	First advising session
Capstone Experience	Completion of PHED 6723 Funding Opportunities in Education	Course Instructor Student	Instructor will file completed project
Graduation application/Graduation fee payment	Deadline date is typically early in the semester. Check the Graduate School dates.	Student	Pay fee through UAConnect account.

HHPR Department Policies

1. Thirty 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 Master's course work may be [transferred](#) into the program if approved by the student's advisor and the University of Arkansas Graduate School.
2. 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 re-taken.
3. The HHPR Department policy regarding walking at graduation ceremonies states that master's 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. 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.

4. Students need to follow all Graduate School [procedures, timelines, and deadlines](#) to successfully matriculate through the degree program.