

PHYSICAL EDUCATION, B.S.

Now more than ever, our society is focusing on health. The UW-Madison physical education program is committed to developing professionals who will provide the best movement experiences possible. Improvements in physical education experiences can inspire increased physical activity, with the potential to benefit the health of millions of people.

The Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education prepares individuals for careers in a variety of areas. At the heart of the degree is the physical education teacher education program, which has been preparing excellent physical educators since 1911. The Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education is the key to obtaining physical education teaching positions in Wisconsin, other states, and internationally. Graduates of the program have received state-level awards for their teaching accomplishments.

A degree in physical education also readies individuals for other career paths. Some graduates have pursued teaching positions outside of school settings. Other graduates of the program have successful careers in many positions unrelated to teaching. Program alumni are well represented in the areas of coaching and officiating, recreation, fitness, healthcare and sport management. A few alumni are coaching at the NCAA Division I level or working for the U.S. Olympic Committee or the Cincinnati Bengals.

The careers of some of our physical education alumni are highlighted here (<https://kinesiology.education.wisc.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/bs-in-physical-education/alumni-of-pete/>).

We are committed to transforming physical education into a powerful experience in which students develop physical, mental, and social skills for life. To that end, our program includes the following elements:

- A standards-based curriculum
- A cutting-edge conceptual approach to teaching physical education
- "Hands-on" guided teaching
- Culturally responsive teaching techniques in urban, inclusive, and multicultural settings
- Social and emotional learning that incorporates community building and behavior management
- Appropriate and sequential motor skill development

Physical education students also benefit from:

- Nationally and state recognized faculty and staff members
- Certification options in Adapted Physical Education and Health Education
- Small class sizes and advising groups
- A strong science and technology based curriculum
- Instruction within the nationally ranked UW-Madison School of Education

Physical education students have the opportunity for professional growth as they earn their degree. Students have given presentations at professional conferences and are currently serving in leadership positions for Wisconsin Health and Physical Education or the Society of Health and Physical Educators Midwest District.

Graduates are eligible to apply for a Wisconsin Physical Education license at the Kindergarten through Grade 12 level. Students intending to teach in Wisconsin may be eligible for the Teacher Pledge (<https://tec.education.wisc.edu/teacher-pledge/>), an opt-in loan forgiveness program for teacher education students.