Physical Education, BAE

Help ensure that future generations have the skills and knowledge to lead physically active and healthy lives. Specialized coursework paired with team-based internships and residencies will allow you to obtain teacher certification after graduation and start a career in a high-demand specialty in education.

Program Description

The BAE program in physical education prepares students to successfully teach quality physical education programs to learners in preschool through grade 12.

The curriculum directly aligns with national beginning teacher standards of The Society of Health and Physical Education Teachers of America. Students take foundational coursework in the areas of growth and motor development, movement activities and lifelong physical fitness. The coursework covers elementary, secondary and adaptive physical education methods, including topics such as instructional design, lesson planning and modifications, and accommodations for P-12 learners. Students build skills in cultivating a positive and productive learning environment, assessing, monitoring and reporting progress, as well as conducting themselves as responsible and ethical professionals.

Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College has developed a team-based approach to teacher preparation, allowing students to participate in professional experiences (internships and teaching residencies) with a team of peers while receiving guidance and support from ASU faculty members and highly qualified certified teachers. Team-based professional experiences are designed to prepare students to work with mutually supportive colleagues to address the academic and social-emotional needs of learners. The primary goal of professional experiences is to provide students with multiple opportunities to apply knowledge learned in coursework to practice in the classroom.

Students complete a series of internships prior to a semester-long full-time teaching residency. With the support of a certified mentor teacher and ASU faculty, students are able to practice what is learned during coursework in learning environments.

Graduates earn an institutional recommendation for teacher certification in Physical Education, P-12, as well as a Structured English Immersion, P-12, endorsement through the Arizona Department of Education. In order to teach in a public school, graduates must pass the appropriate Arizona educator...
exams (National Evaluation Series or Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessments) to be certified to teach in the state of Arizona.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
- **Location:** Polytechnic, Tempe
- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 117 - College Algebra or MAT 142 College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** Moderate

Required Courses (Major Map)

- [2023 - 2024 Major Map](#)
- [Major Map (Archives)](#)

Concurrent Program Options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Admission Requirements

**General University Admission Requirements:**

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Tuition Information

When it comes to paying for college, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.
Students should visit the Change of Major form for information about how to change a major to this program.

**Transfer Options**

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU® to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**

Because of climate change, geopolitical instability or economic factors, the United Nations and other institutions predict that migration is expected to increase globally for the foreseeable future. Learners will be migrating to new communities. Increasingly, educators will be asked to meet the needs of students who speak languages other than English and who bring a range of cultures into classrooms and learning environments. Education students participating in study abroad programs can prepare for this reality by engaging in Global Education programs in which they can expand their notion of normal schooling and deepen their understanding of how to foster inclusive and inspiring learning environments.

**Career Opportunities**

Graduates of Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College are highly sought-after teachers in public, charter and private education institutions. Many graduates with degrees in physical education also work as coaches, fitness instructors, or with organizations dedicated to improving health and wellness.

Career example titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience, geographical location, and required advanced degrees or certifications may affect pay scales.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

☀ Bright Outlook

**Professional Licensure**

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the [ASU professional licensure](#) webpage.

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