Physical Education, MPE

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Become a leader who helps improve the health of individuals by using advanced knowledge to conduct and design effective physical education programs. You can acquire the teaching skills needed by schools, youth-serving organizations and other potential employers focused on well-being.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MPE Physical Education
The MPE program prepares students to successfully teach and conduct research on quality physical education programs for learners in preschool through grade 12.

This flexible program allows students to design a program of study that enhances their interests and professional specializations. There are three program options:

- The teacher certification route provides the coursework and professional experiences necessary for students to obtain certification to teach physical education in Arizona public schools after graduation. Students in this route take a total of 58 credit hours --- 33 credits for the master's degree and 25 credits for teacher certification coursework. Students complete internships prior to a full-time student teaching residency.

- The physical education endorsement route familiarizes students with the most current trends and issues in school physical education. Students can focus on numerous topics within elementary physical education, secondary physical education and adapted physical education. This option may be of interest to students who already have a teaching certificate in a different subject area and are interested in earning a physical education endorsement. Students in this route take 33 credit hours and complete the coursework required for the Physical Education PreK-12 endorsement through the Arizona Department of Education.

- The pedagogy research route is appropriate for students interested in learning more about research on teaching in physical education and other related physical activity settings. This track may be of interest to students who already have a teaching certificate in physical education and are interested in pursuing doctoral studies in the future. Students in this route take 33 credit hours.
Students in all three options learn about designing, implementing and assessing comprehensive school physical activity programs. This type of programming reflects current global trends in promoting physical activity for children, youth, school staff and families in communities surrounding school campuses.

Graduates from the teaching certification route earn an institutional recommendation from ASU for Arizona teacher certification in Secondary Education, 6--12, along with a physical education endorsement, grades PreK--12, from the Arizona Department of Education. In addition, teacher candidates must pass the appropriate Arizona educator subject knowledge exam, as well as the professional knowledge exam offered through the National Evaluation Series or Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessments.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
- **Location:** Polytechnic

Degree Requirements

33 credit hours including the required applied project course (PPE 593) and a written comprehensive exam

The Master of Physical Education degree program has three tracks.

**Physical Education K-12 Teaching Track:** (33 credit hours)
- required core (24 credit hours)
- electives (6 credit hours)
- applied project (3 credit hours)

**Physical Education Pedagogy Research Track:** (33 credit hours)
- required core (24 credit hours)
- electives (6 credit hours)
- applied project (3 credit hours)

**Physical Education Initial Teacher Certification Track:** (33 credit hours)*
- required core (24 credit hours)
- electives (6 credit hours)
- applied project (3 credit hours)
*additional courses are required for certification
Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in any field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. three letters of recommendation
4. personal statement
5. resume
6. IVP Fingerprint Clearance Card issued by the State of Arizona
7. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency. For more information, applicants should visit the Admission Services webpage: https://admission.asu.edu/international/graduate/english-proficiency.

The letters of recommendation should be from individuals who can speak to the applicant's qualifications and potential for success in a graduate program.

The personal statement should describe the applicant's interests and reason for seeking this degree.

GRE scores are not required for admission.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College are highly sought-out educators in public, charter and private education institutions. Students gain skills in teaching, conducting research and collaborating in teams --- all of which prepare them for success in educational careers focused on physical activity, health and wellness.

Career examples include:

- coach
- educator in community organizations
- educator in educational institutions
- fitness instructor
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: https://admission.asu.edu/academics/licensure.

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