

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION—TEACHER EDUCATION CONCENTRATION



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## Program Accreditation:

Approved by the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board. The program is also a part of the Professional Education Unit at WKU that has been National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredited.

## Program Description

The physical education teacher education (PETE) major leads to a B.S. degree and the potential for certification as a teacher. The program is specifically designed to prepare students to become physical education teachers in either the public/private school system. The new standards represent a paradigm shift to more comprehensive vision in teacher preparation programs in addition opportunities exist for employment within the business community. Students, who complete the professional education requirements, may be certified in the teacher education program.

## Career Opportunities

The Physical Education Teacher Education Program (PETE) at WKU prepares students for a considerable number of occupations and professions. One of the most frequently mentioned is teaching from K-12. There is, however, a wide variety of other areas open to students of physical education; corporate wellness, fitness and wellness instructors, activity directors and a host of other PE teaching focused occupations in the business community. Those students who complete the teacher certification process will be eligible to be recommended for a teaching endorsement in the State of Kentucky.

## Bachelor of Physical Education (Teacher Education Concentration)

The Physical Education major (reference 587) with a Teacher Education Concentration, consists of 43 hours in core physical education classes, 32 hours in professional educational hours, and 45 hours of Colonnade requirements and other electives. A Health Education minor is recommended for all Physical Education Teacher Education students

## Minor in Physical Education

The minor in Physical Education (reference 432) requires a minimum of 25 semester hours. This minor is not a certifiable teaching field in Kentucky. The requirements are: PE 122, 211, 212, 222, 223, \*310, \*311, \*312, 313, and 324.

## Physical Education Professional Organizations

National: American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD)

Regional: Southern District of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (Southern District AAHPERD)

State: Kentucky Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (KAHPERD)