WELCOME!

Welcome to the Department of Kinesiology & Physical Education! We offer degree programs in Health & Physical Education (B.S.ED. & M.Ed.) and Coaching Pedagogy in Physical Education (Ed.S.). Students majoring in health and physical education may receive the T-4 certificate for P-12 students once all degree requirements have been completed and after receiving a passing score on the state certification examinations linked to those content areas.

Upon completion of the degree requirements in the M.Ed. program in Health and Physical education, candidates who are currently holding the T-4 certification (or the equivalent) in health and physical education may be eligible for the T-5 certificate in health and physical education in the state of Georgia or reciprocal states. Those candidates completing the Ed.S. degree program requirements in Coaching Pedagogy in Physical Education while also satisfying T-4 and T-5 certification (or the equivalent) may be eligible for the T-6 certificate in the state of Georgia or reciprocal states.

Many faculty conduct research related to osteoporosis, strength and conditioning trends, physical activity preferences, biomechanical principles of varied sports, athletic routines applied to performance, etc. Similarly, faculty within the department are committed to effective teaching and student service for the purpose of preparing graduates for the work place and the challenges facing young professionals today.

All degree programs are housed under the Dewar College of Education which holds full accreditation standing through the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). All programs under the College of Education are guided by Evidence-Based Practices in order to facilitate enhanced knowledge and the application of that knowledge through sound research.

Lastly, it is our hope that you will consider one of our degree programs for your chosen field of study. Our graduates are extremely prepared as evidenced by the outstanding passing rates on certification exams across programs delivered in the Kinesiology & Physical Education Department. Feel free to contact me at any time to discuss issues related to our program offerings or related items.

With kind regards,

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