

# **LEADERSHIP IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How long will it take for me to complete the program?**

Each course is offered at least once within a two-year cycle. Most students complete the degree within two years. Students typically enroll in two courses per semester (including summer). Course loads are flexible though to accommodate students' schedules.

### **Can I take classes outside of the program and will they count towards my degree?**

Yes, you may take other graduate classes from NDSU or another institution, but you will need to have them approved by your advisor before they may be added to your Plan of Study.

### **Do I have to do a thesis or final paper?**

No, but a thesis or a final paper are program options. However, due to this being an on-line distance program most students opt not to complete a thesis or final paper.

### **If I don't have to do a thesis or final paper what do I do for a culminating experience?**

You must prepare a professional portfolio that includes a resume, reflection paper, and various artifacts and present it (either in-person or on-line) to your committee.

### **Must I have completed all of my course work before I defend the final portfolio?**

You will defend your portfolio during your final semester of course work. Your defense can be held fall, spring, or summer semester.

### **Are the classes on-line or on campus?**

All classes are offered on-line and some classes may have occasional periods where all class members need to be on-line simultaneously for an instructor presentation or group discussion.

### **What does it mean to be accepted with conditional status?**

If a student does not have the required undergraduate GPA of 3.0, he or she may be accepted with conditional status. In order to move to full standing status, the

student needs to complete his or her first two graduate courses with a minimum grade of B.

**Can I enroll in LPES classes if I am classified as a non-degree graduate student?**

No, LPES courses are restricted to LPES admitted and conditionally admitted students only.

**If I begin graduate school as a non-degree student and complete 9 graduate credits can I apply for admission into the LPES program?**

Yes you can. However, there is no guarantee that you will be accepted into the program and the courses you have completed may not be accepted into the program.

**How competitive is the admission process for this program?**

The program is limited to approximately 32 students. Students are accepted on a rolling basis and may select to begin fall, spring, or summer semester.

**Are there any scholarships or other forms of financial assistance available?**

Some tuition support may be available via the "Graduate School and College of Human Development and Education Tuition Support Program. This program works by allowing graduate students to forgo payment of up to three credits of tuition during the approved semester. Students are still responsible for paying all fees beyond tuition for those credits. This award is made to a limited number of high-quality graduate students. Selection is based upon need, graduate record, residence, and recommendation of the faculty advisor. Awards are generally made to students who 1) have completed at least 6 graduate credits; 2) have at least a 3.0 GPA in graduate studies; and 3) are in full-standing status.

Graduate Assistantships may be available for students wishing to attend full-time and be present on campus.

**Does this program prepare me for a career in sports management?**

This program is not a sports management master's program; however, elements of sports management are addressed in this program. This program educates individuals who want to become head coaches, master physical education teachers, high school athletic directors or assistant athletic directors, athletic department head, or collegiate-level assistant coaches.

**Can I use the credits for this program for licensure renewal or pay scale increases?**

You are encouraged to check with your licensing agency or school district prior to enrolling in these courses to ensure they will be accepted for licensure renewal or pay scale increases. It often depends on your license type and how flexible your school district is.

**Can I earn a physical education teaching license through this degree program?**

No. In order to earn a physical education teaching license one must complete an undergraduate degree in physical education.