**Frequently Asked Questions**

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

Two years if you take the classes as offered in the listed sequence.

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

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

**Do I have to do a thesis?**

No. While the thesis is an option, most students complete a professional portfolio during their final semester of enrollment.

**Must I have completed all of my course work before I can enroll in the final practicum portfolio (HNES 794)?**

No, you can enroll in HNES 794 while you are completing your final semester of course work.

**Are the classes asynchronous or synchronous?**

Classes are primarily asynchronous, but may have occasional periods where all class members need to be un simultaneously.

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

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

**If I begin 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 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 20 students and screening begins April 1.

**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?**

We encourage you 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.