

Physical Education Application Instructions
Initial Deadline April 15, 2021
Rolling Admissions following Initial Deadline

Applying to the Physical Education program is as simple as completing an online application. This may be done at any point during the application period, ideally as soon as the applicant makes the decision to apply for admission to the Physical Education program.

Prospective applicants are also strongly encouraged to meet with a School of Education Student Services Advisor. Please go [here](#) to learn how to set up a time to meet with one of our advisors.

Technical questions about the application may be directed to soeadmissions@education.wisc.edu.

Admission to the Physical Education program can be limited and competitive. Obtaining or exceeding the minimum eligibility criteria does not guarantee admission. Applicants should carefully review the program admission information available [HERE](#).

The Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education is a unique mix of exercise science, educational theory and Physical Education methodology. For that reason, the program requires both classroom and applied requirements (including student teaching). All of these requirements must be completed by the applicant in order to be eligible for graduation.

Applicants not currently enrolled on the UW-Madison campus must also submit an application to the [Office of Admissions and Recruitment](#).

Notice to Applicants

In previous years, applicants to teacher education programs were required to submit scores from one of the following exams: ACT, SAT, Praxis I/PPST, Praxis Core, or GRE. Under emergency rules announced by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, *no applicants need to submit scores for any exam as a component of their application to this program*. The exam requirement was officially removed by the School of Education on November 15, 2017.

Completing the Online Application

The online application for the Kinesiology–Physical Education program may be accessed via the School’s [Apply to a Program page](#) and to be considered for the initial deadline the application must be completed by April 15, 2021. The online application consists of the following parts and has required documents listed below:

Transcripts

Current and prospective UW-Madison students must upload their unofficial transcripts from each college or university they are currently or have previously attended. *Transcripts must be a single file PDF per school or college.*

*All UW-Madison students must submit an unofficial transcript of their UW-Madison coursework

*All prospective UW-Madison students must submit an unofficial transcript from their current school or college

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Personal Statement

Applicants should upload a PDF document containing a personal statement regarding degree and goals. The response should be a 400-500 word narrative describing why you are selecting a degree in physical education and how that degree will assist you in meeting your future goals.

Completion of Free Text Prompts

Applicants who possess diverse work experiences, life experiences, and cultural background enhance the learning environment that is important to both the Department of Kinesiology and the Physical Education Teacher Education program. Applicants must complete the following personal history prompts as part of this application (form can be downloaded in the application):

- University/College Education (school name, city/state, dates attended)
- High School Education (school name, city/state, dates attended)
- Non-academic Professional Training (e.g. lifeguard certification, Water Safety Instructor certification, coaching certification – with brief description)
- Work Experience (position/job, city/state, dates of employment, brief description)
- Volunteer Experience (position, city/state, dates of experience, brief description)
- Honors/Awards (name of honor/award, year received, brief description)
- Other Activities (e.g. memberships/positions in professional/civic/community organizations, clubs, organized sports, hobbies – include name of activity & dates)
- Unique Contributions – briefly describe any special qualities you would bring to the program and professional (e.g. first-generation college student, unusual experiences not previously shared, language skills, cultural background)

Personal Recommender:

Although the application does not require a letter of recommendation, applicants are asked to provide the name, title, and contact information for (one) recommender.

- Recommenders will only be contacted in the event of an extremely competitive applicant pool, where the number of applications may exceed the number of available program spots.
- Recommenders should be someone who is familiar with the applicant's current interests, accomplishments, or goals.
- Applicants are highly encouraged to obtain permission from recommenders before listing their contact information.

Optional

If you feel that the COVID-19 disruption had an undesirable or unexpected impact on your academic performance during spring or fall 2020, please provide additional information for the review committee to consider in a space provided.

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Program Requirements

To be considered for admission, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Total Credits: Earn 40 or more credits by end of semester in which application is submitted, including the following prerequisite courses:
- Kines 116 First Aid and Basic Life Support (2 cr) or exemption. Students may be granted an exemption from Kines 116 by completing American Red Cross First Aid AND one of the following: 1) American Red Cross Basic Life Support, 2) American Red Cross Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers, or 3) American Red Cross CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers. If a student wishes to request that a different course (or courses) be considered, student should contact the Department of Kinesiology Undergraduate Office PRIOR to enrolling in any course. *If you have current copies of your certification documents, please upload them as part of this application. If you have not met this requirement, be prepared to indicate, as part of this application, how you intend to meet this requirement.*
- Kines 119 – Introduction to Kinesiology (2 cr)

Background Check

Upon acceptance to the program, applicants will be asked to submit to a background check at their expense. The purpose of this background check is meet the legal requirements issued by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for applicants for Wisconsin educator license.