

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (MEd)

Health and Human Enrichment

PSU's Master of Education in Physical Education serves professionals who seek to further their careers in such fields as physical education teaching, coaching, and directing athletic or recreation programs. Within the major, candidates may choose one of two concentrations: Adventure Education or Athletic Administration.

Our Adventure Education concentration is offered through partnerships with Project Adventure (<http://www.pa.org/>) and High 5 Adventure Learning Center, (<http://www.high5adventure.org/>) two leading providers of professional training in adventure education. Through multi-day workshops, guided projects and other customized learning experiences, you will choose 19 credits of specialization component coursework that are taken directly through either Project Adventure or High 5. The master's core courses and capstone completed directly through PSU are delivered online.

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Degree Requirements

Physical Education, Adventure Education

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When you pursue Adventure Education in conjunction with a master's degree you are completing a 34 credit MEd in Physical Education with a concentration in Adventure Education. This distance learning program is designed for students who are currently working in the adventure education field, and does not require students to complete coursework on the Plymouth, NH campus. Students without background or career aspirations related to physical education or a similar field should consider the MEd in Experiential Learning and Development.

Curriculum Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Master's Core Component		
ED 5000	Understanding Social Behaviors	3
ED 5010	Philosophy, Ethics & Education	3
ED 5030	Research Design	3
Adventure Learning Component		
Project Adventure/Approved Electives		19
EE 5105	Risk Management for Experiential Education	3
Capstone Experience		
ED 6900	Graduate Capstone Project	3
Total Credits		34

Physical Education, Athletic Administration

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Athletic Administration Component		
PE 5600	Athletic Administration	3
PE 5610	Sport Law	3
PE 5620	Sport Finance, Budgeting and Marketing	3
PE 5630	Sport Psychology	3
Athletic Administration Electives		
Complete nine credits of electives with approval of advisor		9
Capstone Experience		
ED 6900	Graduate Capstone Project	3-6
Total Credits		33-36

Learning Outcomes

Athletic Administration Concentration:

- Demonstrate competency and proficiency in the following areas:
 - Current issues in high school and Division III college athletic administration
 - Sport communication
 - Sport law in athletics
 - Sport business management
 - Sport marketing
- Demonstrate conceptual view of the administration of athletic programs.
- Recognize the foundations of the concepts in athletic administration.
- Explore problems and context by analyzing them into key elements, meanings and relationships; develop solutions by incorporating knowledge and value-based judgment; cultivate arguments for action; and improve their performance based on critiques.
- Communicate effectively as required by an athletic administrator, operate well in a team, and convey ideas effectively in written and oral assignments.
- Demonstrate accepted techniques of research and effectively explain data in written and oral communications.
- Demonstrate the professional and ethical responsibilities of a college athletic administrator and seek opportunities to grow professionally.

Adventure Learning Concentration:

- Display professional competence in adventure learning activities and instructional skills by demonstrating a grade of 3.0 or better in PA 5560 courses.
- Demonstrate effective teaching skills for a variety of adventure related lessons.
- Demonstrate competence in facilitation skills including assessment of client groups, planning and conducting adventure based learning experiences and promoting transference of learning.
- Discuss the various forms of diversity that can be found in an adventure learning group and explain effective professional strategies for respecting this diversity and creating a safe and effective learning environment.
- Explain Adventure Learning's role as a social and individual change agent and discuss examples of this change observed in the conduct of adventure programming.
- Display an understanding of and practice professional standards of risk management, with a grade of 3.0 or better on the content exam in EE 5100 Risk Management in Experiential Education.
- Effectively advocate for adventure learning in their local community or educational setting.

Career Pathways

Athletic Administration Concentration:

- Direct Athletics at the public, private, charter, levels.
- Direct Athletics at the college/university level
- NCAA Compliance Officer
- Facility Supervisor in Wellness Centers, University/Colleges, etc.
- College level coaching
- YMCA Director of Activities