Physical Education

The Physical Education program is among the best in the United States in preparing teachers who exemplify best practices in the PreK-12 setting and professionals who promote high-quality physical activity opportunities for individuals across the lifespan.

Bachelor of Science in Education

A Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education includes three options:

Teacher Licensure - Physical Education
This four-year program prepares students for careers as licensed physical education teachers in PreK-12. The curriculum is nationally recognized as progressive and innovative in its approaches to teaching sport, games, and physical activity.

Teacher Licensure - Health and Physical Education
This five-year program prepares students for careers as licensed health education and physical education teachers for children and youth in PreK-12.

Physical Activity and Sport Performance
This concentration affords students the opportunity to individualize an area of study through a liberal approach to education. Students select a minor in conjunction with their degree program to support their areas of interest, or for preparation for a related profession, such as athletic coaching or physical activity leaders in non-school programs.

Minor in Athletic Coaching

Based on national coaching standards, this 25-credit-hour minor provides students with the knowledge and skills to coach in youth sports settings, PreK-12 schools, and colleges.

Admission Requirements

Students applying to the Physical Education or Health and Physical Education concentrations must have a minimum GPA of 2.75. The Physical Activity and Sport Performance concentration requires the standard for admission to Kent State University.

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The teacher education curriculum is nationally recognized by the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE America) and accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).