KINESIOLOGY (BS) - HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER CERTIFICATION CONCENTRATION

Program Overview
The B.S. Kinesiology degree with a concentration in Health and Physical Education Teacher Certification prepares students to teach at all grade levels preschool through high school. This contemporary program is designed to meet all requirements of both the Georgia Professional Standards Commission and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (now the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation) and is fully accredited. The program of study is guided in part by the principles of the Interstate New Teacher and Support Consortium and the National Standards for Beginning Physical Education Teachers. Students are actively engaged in a variety of learning experiences in classrooms, labs, and public schools and have the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills in a wide variety of physical activities while learning to teach others.

Preparation to teach Health and Physical Education in the schools is dynamic. Students are enrolled in classes designed to develop sport skills and knowledge in a variety of physical activities. Extensive laboratory experiences include observations and teaching at all grade levels...preschool, elementary, middle level, and high school...a feature that sets the program apart from many others in the nation. Students are guided in the process of teacher development by a team consisting of local P-12 physical educators and university faculty. Post Baccalaureate and add-on certification options are available.

Career Opportunities
Recent graduates have found great success in obtaining teaching positions in health and physical education in area schools. Columbus State University graduates are employed as elementary, middle level, and high school physical education teachers and coaches, often with responsibilities for health instruction and the teaching of children with special needs. Graduates of the program are recognized as effective teachers who are committed to the teaching profession. They are also prepared to continue their professional growth through graduate study.