

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 program is approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. 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.

All educator preparation programs are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. In addition to the degree requirements, there are further requirements for teaching certification. Visit the Certification page on the CSU Center for Quality Teaching and Learning (CQTL) website for detailed information about certification requirements and the certification process.

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.