

PHYSICAL EDUCATION, PH.D.

Degree Requirements (60 Post-Masters Hours)

Total Hours Required

Minimum of 60 hours beyond the master's degree; the degree must be completed in six years.

Qualifying Assessment

Written and oral assessment that must be successfully completed prior to the completion of 18 hours of 700- and 800-level course work.

Required Coursework

Students are expected to complete a minimum of 60 credits beyond the masters degree. The program of study committee may decide that more than 60 credits are necessary for an individual student to meet minimal expectations based on prior experiences and future professional goals. There are at least five categories within which students will complete courses to successfully receive a Ph.D.

These five areas include the following:

1. Courses in the Department of Physical Education;
2. Research Methods;
3. Cognate;
4. Research Practica;
5. Dissertation

All doctoral students follow a similar template for selection of required course work with a focus on either physical education pedagogy or motor behavior. This template is presented below. Specific programs of study are determined by the program of study committee.

Physical Education Program Content (15-18 Hours)

Course	Title	Credits
Select 15-18 hours of the following:		15-18
PEDU 730	Psychosocial Aspects of Athletic Performance and Injury Rehabilitation	
PEDU 731	Motor Skill Learning	
PEDU 732	Analysis of Instructional Behavior in Physical Activity Programs	
PEDU 829	Advanced Topics in Child and Adolescent Growth and Development	
PEDU 830	Development of Skilled Sport Performance	
PEDU 840	Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on the Study of Teaching and Instruction	
PEDU 841	Seminar in Research on Teaching in Physical Education	
PEDU 850	Research, Theory, and Practice of Teacher Education in Physical Education	
PEDU 860	Advanced Curriculum and Philosophy in Physical Education	
PEDU 870	Promoting Integrative Youth Physical Development	
Total Credit Hours		15-18

Research Methods (15 Hours)

Course	Title	Credits
Select 15 hours of the following:		15
EDRM 710	Educational Statistics I	
EDRM 711	Educational Statistics II	
EDFI 731	Qualitative Inquiry	
PEDU 770	Research Methods in Physical Education	
EDRM 840	Advanced Qualitative Inquiry in Education	
EDRM 816	Correlational and Multivariate Methods	
EDRM 810	Design and Analysis of Experiments	
Total Credit Hours		15

Cognate (9-12 Hours)

Research Practica (3-6 Hours)

Course	Title	Credits
PEDU 832	Research Practicum in Motor Learning/Motor Performance	3
PEDU 833	Research Practicum in Physical Education	1-6
Total Credit Hours		4-9

Dissertation (12 Hours)

Course	Title	Credits
PEDU 899	Dissertation Preparation	12
Total Credit Hours		12

Foreign Language

Students are required to meet competency in a foreign language or in computer and/or technology skills.

Comprehensive Exam

Students are required to successfully complete a written comprehensive examination and an oral examination.