PHYSICAL EDUCATION, BSED

Banner Code: E1-BSED-PHED

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Completing this degree fulfills requirements for licensure in Health and Physical Education (PK-12) in Virginia. Students complete a student teaching experience in their final semester.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Four-Year Students
Students entering as freshmen with an interest in majoring in physical education will initially be accepted with BPRE status (Pre-Bachelor in Health and Physical Education). Students must successfully complete a minimum of 45 credits and attain a cumulative GPA of 2.50 to apply to the BSED in Physical Education Program. In addition:

- Recommended: submit passing score of 150 for the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators in Math (5732) and 470 composite score on VCLA Reading and Writing or passing scores on approved substitute tests
- have earned passing grades in
  - BIOL 124 Human Anatomy and Physiology
  - BIOL 125 Human Anatomy and Physiology
  - PHED 202 Teaching Skillful Movement C or better
- have earned at least 10 professional points (https://rht.gmu.edu/health-and-physical-education/professional-development-plan).

Degree-Seeking Transfer Students
Transfer students can apply for BSEd status by having:

- earned a minimum of 45 credits from their previous institution with a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or by completing 12 credits at Mason with a minimum of a 2.50 GPA;
- Recommended passing scores of 150 for the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators in Math (5732) and 470 composite score on VCLA Reading and Writing or passing scores on approved substitute tests.
- have earned passing grades in
  - BIOL 124 Human Anatomy and Physiology
  - BIOL 125 Human Anatomy and Physiology
  - PHED 202 Teaching Skillful Movement C or better
- earned at least 10 professional points (https://rht.gmu.edu/health-and-physical-education/professional-development-plan).

Policies

For policies governing all undergraduate degrees, see the AP.5 Undergraduate Policies section of the catalog.

Student Teaching Internship
To enroll in PHED 415 Student Teaching in Physical Education (Mason Core), physical education majors must:

- have a minimum 2.50 GPA in the last 60 credits of coursework
- have passed and electronically submitted test scores for the VCLA and PRAXIS II exams to George Mason University and provide a paper copy of the test scores to the internship coordinator
- have satisfactorily completed all required Mason core and professional concentration courses.

The application must be completed one full semester before taking PHED 415 Student Teaching in Physical Education (Mason Core). Application deadlines are listed below and forms are located online (http://rht.gmu.edu/programs/phed/student_teaching).

Application Deadlines
- Fall Semester—February 1
- Spring Semester—September 1

Requirements

Degree Requirements
Total credits: 120

Mason Core

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Total Credits 38

1 Fulfilled by PHED 415 Student Teaching in Physical Education (Mason Core), listed below in professional sequence.

Professional Sequence

Note: Students are not permitted to enroll in HEAL 405 Teaching Methods in Health Education (K-12), PHED 308 Adapted Physical Education, PHED 403 Elementary School Instruction in Physical Education, PHED 404 Middle and High School Instruction in Physical Education.
Education, and PHED 415 Student Teaching in Physical Education (Mason Core), until they have met all BSEd application requirements. Students must complete student teaching (PHED 415 Student Teaching in Physical Education (Mason Core) within 5 years of completing PHED 202 Teaching Skillful Movement. If more than five years has lapsed from taking PHED 202 Teaching Skillful Movement and student teaching (PHED 415 Student Teaching in Physical Education (Mason Core), students will have to retake this foundational course before they can student-teach.

Professional Development and Fitness Requirement

Students must earn at least 10 professional development points (https://rht.gmu.edu/health-and-physical-education/professional-development-plan) to achieve BSEd status and 20 additional points to apply for student teaching. Professional development points may be earned by attending or volunteering at various events and activities.

Additionally, students will be expected to achieve and maintain the healthy zone of health related fitness as measured by FitnessGram®