

# NDSU

## Leadership in Physical Education and Sport

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **How long will it take for me to complete the program?**

Students must complete 30 credits of coursework. Each course is offered at least once within a two-year cycle and all required courses are offered twice a year. Most students complete the degree within 1.33-2 years or (4-6 semesters). Students typically enroll in two courses per semester (including summer). Course loads are flexible though to accommodate students' schedules.

#### **How much does the program cost to complete?**

All students (regardless of state or country of residence) pay in-state tuition rates. As of Fall 2023, the entire program (tuition and fees) costs just under \$14,600.

#### **Can I take classes outside of the program and will they count towards my degree?**

Yes, you may take other graduate classes from NDSU or another institution, but you will need to have them approved by your advisor before they may be added to your Plan of Study. NDSU graduate school policies allow for up to 9 graduate credits to be transferred in to NDSU.

#### **Are there any scholarships or other forms of financial assistance available?**

Graduate Assistantships may be available for students wishing to attend full-time and be present on campus.

#### **Do I have to do a thesis or final paper?**

No, but a thesis or a final paper are program options. However, given that most students are completing the program while they are employed full-time, most students opt not to complete a thesis or final paper.

#### **If I don't have to do a thesis or final paper, what do I do for a culminating experience?**

You must prepare a professional portfolio that includes a resume, reflection paper, and various artifacts and present it (online) to faculty and a small group of peers.

#### **Must I have completed all of my course work before I present the final portfolio?**

You will present your portfolio during your final semester of course work (or the final spring semester if graduating during the Summer). The small group meetings for graduating students are held every fall and spring.

#### **Are the classes online or on campus?**

All classes are offered online asynchronously. While some classes may have occasional periods where all class members meet online simultaneously for an instructor presentation or group discussion, accommodations are always made for those that cannot attend at the designated date/time.

**What does it mean to be accepted with conditional status?**

If a student does not have the required undergraduate GPA of 3.0, they may be accepted with conditional status. In order to move to full standing status, the student needs to complete their first two graduate courses with a minimum grade of B.

**Can I enroll in LPES classes if I am classified as a non-degree graduate student?**

No, LPES courses are restricted to LPES admitted and conditionally admitted students only.

**If I begin graduate school as a non-degree student and complete 9 graduate credits, can I apply for admission into the LPES program?**

Yes you can. However, there is no guarantee that you will be accepted into the program and the courses you have completed may not be accepted into the program.

**How competitive is the admission process for this program?**

The program is limited to approximately 40 students. Students are accepted on a rolling basis and may apply for fall, spring, or summer semester.

**Does this program prepare me for a career in sports management?**

This program is not a sports management master's program; however, elements of sports management are addressed in this program. This program educates individuals who want to become head coaches, master physical education teachers, high school athletic directors or assistant athletic directors, athletic department head, or collegiate-level assistant coaches.

**Can I use the credits for this program for licensure renewal or pay scale increases?**

You are encouraged to check with your licensing agency or school district prior to enrolling in these courses to ensure they will be accepted for licensure renewal or pay scale increases. It often depends on your license type and school district policies.

**Can I earn a physical education teaching license through this degree program?**

Not at this time but stay tuned for upcoming developments!