

GRADUATE SCHOOL

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MASTER OF EDUCATION (MEd) IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION – PK-8

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

This program combines a master's degree with eligibility for professional licensure from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- A completed application form, available from the Graduate School Office, and a \$35.00 nonrefundable application fee made payable to Salem State College.
- A complete, official transcript documenting the award of a bachelor's degree.
- Official transcripts of any graduate courses taken or degrees held.
- Three completed Reference for Graduate Admission forms. These forms are available with the application. Please include references from people who have known you in both professional and academic capacities. Completed reference forms may have a letter attached to them.
- Official copy of test results taken within the last five years documenting satisfactory performance on either the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). Those who hold a master's degree are exempt from this requirement.
- All students for whom English is not a first language must submit satisfactory scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
- A 500-1,000-word double-spaced statement of purpose addressing the following questions:
What factors in your personal and professional history have influenced you in the past and now lead you to seek admission to this program at Salem State College?
What are your long-term professional goals, and how will this program help you meet them?
Is there any other information that you think would help the admissions committee to evaluate your application?

Additional requirements for individuals pursuing a professional license:

- An initial license in physical education from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall admission: June 1 | Spring admission: October 1 | Summer admission: February 1

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Upon acceptance into the program, you will complete a tentative Plan of Study in consultation with the program coordinator. You must request that any transfer credits be considered at this time. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO MORE THAN TWO COURSES TAKEN AT SALEM STATE COLLEGE BEFORE ADMISSION CAN BE COUNTED TOWARDS THIS PROGRAM. You should meet regularly with the program coordinator to discuss your progress and revise your plan of study as needed.

All candidates for the MEd Physical Education PK-8 must complete 1) 36 credit hours of graduate coursework as described below, and 2) a comprehensive exam taken after most of the coursework is completed.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:**CREDITS****Educational Foundations and Research:**

- EDU 717 Advanced Foundations of Education 3
- EDU 737 Theories of Thinking and Learning 3
- EDU 738 Educational Research Across the Curriculum 3

Exceptionality and Diversity:

- SMS 815 Physical Education for Students with Disabling Conditions 3
- EDU 876 Global Perspectives in Cultural Diversity
OR 3
- EDU 789 Workshop in Programs for Multicultural Children

Reading in Physical Education:

- SMS 801 Current Issues in Physical Education 3

Curriculum:

- SMS 805 Curriculum and Instructional Design In Health and Physical Education 3

Clinical Experience:

- SMS 967A Clinical Experience and Seminar in Elementary Physical Education 6

Electives:

- SMS 802 Management of Physical Education 3
- SMS 803 Trends and Issues in Health 3
- SMS 804 Legal Issues in Sport Movement Science 3

Total Credits:**36**

Please be aware that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may change licensure requirements. Students are advised to contact the Commonwealth for specific, current licensure requirements. Students may access that information at www.doe.mass.edu.

Subsequent to publication of this flowsheet, the Graduate School reserves the right to make changes in courses, program requirements, policies and regulations as circumstances dictate. There is no guarantee that any listed course will be offered in any given semester.
