MOVEMENT AND LEISURE SCIENCES (PH.D.)

Doctor of Philosophy. Major in Education.

The department participates in the Ph.D. program in the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences with concentrations in sport pedagogy & character education or exercise science. Sport pedagogy & character education develops individuals who lead, serve, and research learning and teaching as applied to character and value laden issues in physical education and recreation. Exercise science prepares students to teach, conduct research, and provide services related to Exercise Science disciplines in higher education (exercise physiology, sport psychology, motor control, and biomechanics) and other exercise-related institutions.

The department also participates in the interdisciplinary M.S. and Ph.D. in Neuroscience and the M.S. in Bioregional Planning and Community Development. Persons interested in doctoral study should visit the College of Education and departmental web page for more information about admission requirements and application procedures.

1. Graduates are able to articulate the philosophical foundations, historical developments, and contemporary aspects of their specialization area that provide a foundation for emerging questions and original lines of scholarly inquiry.

2. Graduates are able to conceptualize, design, conduct, interpret, evaluate, and disseminate original, theoretically based research.

3. Graduates are able to provide effective leadership, teaching, and mentoring to internal and external constituents, inform policy and practice, and identify trends and issues within their field through the use of valid models and principles.

4. Graduates are able to critically design theoretically informed formative and summative assessment strategies in their field that adhere to ethical, moral, and legal standards for people, programs, and policy.

5. Graduates are able to disseminate new knowledge through theoretically based research that results in published works, professional presentations, contract and grant activity, and consulting.