Program Overview and Highlights

The Physical Education Teacher Preparation program prepares future educators to teach about the importance of health and physical fitness. Physical Education includes the study of physical skill development, pedagogy, coaching, curriculum, development and assessment, and the administration of physical activity programs.

Students participate in clinical experiences each semester, working alongside teacher mentors in a variety of K-12 school settings. Students also volunteer in local schools for more experience in teaching and coaching.

What Can I Do with this Degree?

Upon successful completion of this program, students are eligible for certification in physical education (grades K-12), pending a passing score on all sections of the Florida Teacher Certification Exam.

Student Organizations and Involvement

Physical Education students are encouraged to participate in the Association of Physical Education College Students and Florida’s Physical Education Association (SHAPE Florida). Students are encouraged to participate in conferences and professional development seminars.

The College of Education encourages students to participate in campus organizations, including:

- The College of Education’s Living Learning Community
- The College of Education’s Honors Program, the SunCoast Area Teacher Training and Educational Research Program (SCATTER)
- Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in the field of education

COEDU Admissions Requirements

To be admitted to this program, students must submit a separate application to the College of Education. Students must also:

- Be admitted to the University of South Florida
- Have a 2.5 or higher GPA
- Complete pre-requisite coursework
- Successfully complete all sections of the FTCE General Knowledge Test

Visit www.usf.edu/education/advising/undergraduate/coedu-applications.aspx for application links and deadlines.

Select programs may have additional application requirements. Please visit an advisor to review specific program guidelines.

Scholarships and Financial Assistance

There are a number of federal grant, loan and repayment programs available to help you finance your education, and the U.S. government offers additional financial assistance for students who wish to pursue a career in teaching.

Financial aid information, including qualification and application requirements, can be found at:

- www.usf.edu/financial-aid
- www.coedu.usf.edu/main/sas/scholarships

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