Degrees Offered

- Master of Science
- Doctor of Education
- Doctor of Philosophy

The College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences is organized into two departments: the Department of Coaching and Teaching Studies and the Department of Sport Sciences. The Department of Coaching and Teaching Studies includes the programs in athletic coaching education, physical education teacher education, and multidisciplinary studies. The Department of Coaching and Teaching Studies is also developing an undergraduate major in Physical Activity and Well-being. The Department of Sport Sciences includes the programs in athletic training, sport, exercise and performance psychology, and sport management.

The Ph.D. program in kinesiology, administered through the College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences, has two major areas: sport, exercise and performance psychology and coaching and teaching studies (designed for students interested in athletic coaching education or physical education teacher education). The college’s master’s program allows specialization in athletic coaching education, athletic training, physical education teacher education and sport management leading to masters of science degrees. The master’s degree program in physical education teacher education is run using a distance education format with courses offered in an online format summer, fall and spring. The master’s degree programs in athletic coaching education offers both on-campus and distance education cohorts (the hybrid distance education cohort in this major offers courses in the summer on campus and offer courses online during the academic year). The distance education masters degree in sport management offers two areas of emphasis. The first Area of Emphasis in Comprehensive Sport Industry Management is a limited residency program in the summer, followed by fully online classes during the academic year. The second Area of Emphasis in Interscholastic Athletic Administration is fully online and offered summer, fall and spring. The master’s program in sport and exercise psychology is only available as part of the doctoral program (i.e., students must be accepted into the Ph.D. program in order to be enrolled in the masters degree program).

The facilities of the College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences include the gymnasium and swimming pool in E. Moore Hall; indoor track and sports area in the Shell Building; outdoor areas including tennis courts, grass and turf fields, and the outdoor track; and the Natatorium with its pool and diving well. The College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences moved into a new building bordering the Student Recreation Center and intramural fields in July of 2014. This building has 8 technology based classrooms, three large seminar/conference rooms, a 46 seat computer lab, research space, a teacher behavior laboratory, sport psychology consulting laboratory, fitness room, multipurpose room, and faculty offices.

For additional information, contact the Graduate Coordinator, College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences, 375 Birch St., P.O. Box 6116, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV 26506-6116. Telephone (304) 293-0850.
Degree Designation Learning Outcomes

MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS)

A mission of the College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences is to prepare students to become effective practitioners and leaders in their respective fields and to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of West Virginia and beyond. The college offers traditional on-campus program emphasis areas in Athletic Coaching Education, Athletic Training, and Sport Management. In addition, the college offers online degree emphasis areas in Athletic Coaching Education, Physical Education Teacher Education, and Sport Management. These programs are characterized by curricular experiences which are designed to broaden perspectives, enrich awareness, deepen understanding, establish disciplined habits of thought, prepare for meaningful careers, and thus help individuals become informed, responsive and productive citizens.

Students in Masters of Science degree programs in CPASS

• Demonstrate skill to utilize various forms of assessment to inform professional practice
• Critically evaluate research to understand best practices in one's chosen field of study
• Develop an understanding of current issues effecting professional practice
• Engage in professional development to improve practice in field

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION (EDD)

A mission of the College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences is to prepare students to become effective practitioners and leaders in their respective fields and to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of West Virginia and beyond. The college offers a Doctorate of Education in Physical Education Teacher Education. These programs are characterized by curricular experiences which are designed to broaden perspectives, enrich awareness, deepen understanding, establish disciplined habits of thought, prepare for meaningful careers, and thus help individuals become informed, responsive and productive citizens.

Students in the Doctor of Education program in CPASS

• Develop leadership and advocacy skills for professional practice
• Demonstrate teaching skills within one's area of professional practice
• Interpret and applying knowledge to enhance professional practice
• Demonstrate interdisciplinary knowledge in kinesiology

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD)

A mission of the College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences is to prepare students to become effective practitioners and leaders in their respective fields and to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of West Virginia and beyond. The college offers a Doctorate of Kinesiology with an emphasis in Coaching and Teaching Studies or Sport, Exercise and Performance Psychology. These programs are characterized by curricular experiences which are designed to broaden perspectives, enrich awareness, deepen understanding, establish disciplined habits of thought, prepare for meaningful careers, and thus help individuals become informed, responsive and productive citizens.

Students in Doctor of Philosophy program in CPASS

• Generate new knowledge based upon theoretical underpinnings
• Synthesize information in an area of study and effectively communicate in oral and written form
• Demonstrate ability to prepare future practitioners through teaching, scholarly and professional development activities
• Evaluate literature and engage in research appropriate to chosen area of emphasis