Physical Education Teacher
IU School of Physical Education and Tourism Management

ABOUT THE MAJOR

The Physical Education Teacher education major is for students who would like to teach physical education, wellness, or health at the K–12 level. The curriculum provides content knowledge and practical experiences to prepare students for a career in teaching and youth development. Along with coursework in the School of Education at IUPUI, the curriculum prepares students for the teacher licensing examination in this content area specialty. Finally, students will be afforded opportunities to gain teaching experience in multiple local community or school settings.

Skills and abilities this major develops include: knowledge of motor learning and behavioral learning stages, classroom management techniques, basics of first aid and emergency care, and cultural competencies.

OPPORTUNITIES AFTER GRADUATION

Career Opportunities
According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the hiring of K-12 teachers will grow approximately 6% from 2014 to 2024, which is as fast as average for other occupations.

Salary Information
According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median annual salaries for teachers in the K-12 system in Indiana range from $36,420 to $52,900. The median annual salaries nation-wide range from $55,490 to $58,030.

(This section is intended for informational purposes, not prediction of actual salary.)

Graduate & Professional School Paths
Physical Education Teacher Education majors might pursue advanced degrees in the following areas: Adapted/Developmental Physical Education, Sport Administration, Business, Exercise Physiology, Journalism, and Physical Therapy/ Sports Medicine.

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

School of Physical Education and Tourism Management
petm.iupui.edu

Society of Health and Physical Education Educators
(SHAPE America)
www.shapeamerica.com

Indiana Alliance for Health, P.E., Recreation, and Dance
www.inahperd.org

Sample Coursework:
- Sport pedagogy
- Growth & motor performance
- Adapted physical education
- Fitness & dance education
- Methods of instruction for K-12
- Student teaching/ internship

Possible Careers:
- Director of school-based physical activity programs
- Interscholastic sports coach
- Physical education teacher
- Health educator
- School principal or administrator*
- Youth camp director

*Career option requires additional training or education

Where Could I Work?
- Primary and secondary education systems
- Private for-profit Businesses
- Self-employed
- Government agencies
- Non-profit organizations

Complementing Interests:
Social  Enterprising  Realistic

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