Graduate Programs

Graduate Program - Applied Exercise Science & Health and Human Performance
Doug Smith, PhD—Professor and Graduate Coordinator

Graduate Program - Recreation Management and Recreational Therapy; Leisure Studies
Tim Passmore, EdD—Professor and Graduate Coordinator

Graduate Certificate in Recreation and Leisure Management
Donna Lindenmeier, PhD—Associate Professor and Graduate Certificate Coordinator

MS in Health and Human Performance

The MS in Health and Human Performance offers two options: Applied Exercise Science and Health Promotion. The option in Applied Exercise Science studies how human movement improves overall physical health and fitness. The 36-hour degree offers a Thesis and Non-thesis (Creative Component) option. Our master's students strive to advance health, physical activity and sport performance through relevant clinical- and performance-based research and instruction. Graduates go on to earn their doctorate degree at reputable institutions across the country or obtain professional employment within the areas of applied health and strength and conditioning.

The health and human performance program also provides preparation at the master's level with an option of Health Promotion. The 36-hour degree offers a Thesis and Non-thesis (Creative Component) option. The program focuses on advancing the students understanding of the proximal and distal determinants of mental and physical health.

PhD in Health, Leisure and Human Performance, with an option in Leisure Studies

Students seeking the terminal degree in Leisure Studies engage in the PhD in HLHP. Those completing this program are well prepared for entry-level positions as faculty members in a wide range of colleges and universities. To facilitate student readiness to work in academia, doctoral students work closely with faculty, engage in coursework and examinations, and participate in opportunities for experiences in teaching, scholarship and service. Core learning experiences include an understanding of curriculum, applied ethics and administration, as well as developing an understanding of the common tripartite mission of most universities - scholarship, teaching, and service. The PhD requires 60 hours of coursework beyond the master's degree; many graduate assistantships are available for qualified students.