



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

College of Education and Health Professions

Department of Health, Human Performance, and Recreation

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HHPR GRADUATE PROGRAMS

More than 200 students pursue advanced degrees across 10 different degree programs in the HHPR Department.

Masters degrees are offered in the following disciplines:

- Master of Athletic Training, [Athletic Training](#)
- Master of Education, [Physical Education](#)
- Master of Education, [Recreation and Sport Management](#)
- Master of Science, [Community Health Promotion](#)
- Master of Science, [Kinesiology, Concentration in Exercise Science](#)
- Master of Science, [Kinesiology, Concentration in Adapted Movement Science](#)

Doctoral degrees are offered in the following disciplines:

- Doctor of Philosophy, [Health, Sport and Exercise Science](#)
Concentrations in Exercise Science, Kinesiology-Pedagogy, Health Behavior & Health Promotion, and Recreation & Sport Management

ADMISSIONS INSTRUCTIONS

Students interested in any of the above programs should apply using the Graduate School's [online](#) application process and preference the appropriate degree program.

Masters Degree Requirements

The following criteria are necessary to be considered to any of the department's master degree programs:

- Minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA (students interested in the MED in Physical Education need a minimum 2.7 GPA)
- Acceptable GRE exam score (students interested in the MED in Physical Education are not required to submit a GRE exam score)
- Current resume
- One-page statement of interest

Applicants may send their current resume and one-page statement of interest to Dr. Paul Calleja, HHPR Graduate Coordinator pcallej@uark.edu.

Students applying to the MAT in Athletic Training are not required to submit a resume and statement of interest, however, they are required to submit three letters of reference. Those should be directed to Dr. Jeff Bonacci, ATEP Coordinator, bonacci@uark.edu.

Doctoral Degree Requirements

Incoming doctoral students should identify an appropriate faculty mentor based on research interests. Students are rarely admitted to a program without a mutual agreement between the student and a faculty member.

Doctoral applicants are required to submit three letters of recommendation through the Graduate School site, in addition to official transcripts, GRE scores, CV, and statement of interest. It is possible the applicant will be required to interview with program faculty, particularly if the student is being considered for a graduate assistant position.

Deadlines

Priority deadlines are as follows:

- Masters Programs is March 1 (for Summer/Fall admission); November 1 (for Spring admission)
- Doctoral Programs is February 1 (for Summer/Fall admission); October 1 (for Spring admission)

Preference will be given to those applications received prior to the deadline, but applications received after the deadline may be reviewed on a case by case basis.

FUNDING

HHPR Graduate Assistantships

The Health, Human Performance and Recreation (HHPR) department has a limited number of graduate assistant positions available to qualified students each year. These positions are 12-month, 50% appointments and require the graduate assistant to provide support to an individual program in the form of course teaching, research assistance, or a combination of both. Decisions regarding awarding of these positions is typically made by individual programs. GA positions offer in-state and out-of-state tuition waivers and a competitive monthly stipend. HHPR GAs must enroll for a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester (Fall/Spring) and 3 credit hours during the Summer semester.

Students interested in being considered for a departmental graduate assistant must first apply to the University of Arkansas Graduate School and be admitted to a HHPR graduate program.

Fellowships

Additional funding for doctoral students is available through the University of Arkansas Graduate School in the form of Distinguished Doctoral Fellowships (DDF) and Doctoral Academy Fellowships (DAF). Both DDFs and DAFs are awarded to new, incoming Ph.D. students upon recommendation of the department head/chair and subsequent approval of the Graduate Dean and the Graduate School Fellowships Advisory Committee. First priority will be given to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Priority deadline for nominations is February 1 each year.

Minimum qualifications to be considered for DDF funding are:

- Combined GRE of score 308 or greater, GRE writing score of 4.5, and graduate GPA 3.85.

Minimum qualifications to be considered for DAF funding are:

- Combined GRE of score 300 or greater, GRE writing score of 4.0, and graduate GPA 3.65.

Additional fellowships for Graduate Students are available through the Graduate School. Please visit <https://graduate-and-international.uark.edu/graduate/costs-and-funding/doctoral-fellowships.php>

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