



## 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 six different degree programs in the HHPR Department.

Masters degrees are offered in the following disciplines:

- Master of Athletic Training (M.AT.)
- Master of Education, Physical Education (M.Ed.)
- Master of Education, Recreation and Sport Management (M.Ed.)
- Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Master of Science, Exercise Science (M.S.)

Doctoral degrees are offered in the following disciplines:

- Doctor of Philosophy, Health, Sport and Exercise Science
- Concentrations in Exercise Science, 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.

<https://www.uark.edu/admissions/apply/index.php>

#### **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
- Current resume
- One-page statement of interest

The Athletic Training Program Application Process has additional application and admission requirements specific to the program as well as application deadlines for early and regular admission. Those interested in the M.AT. should contact Dr. Luzita Vela, Program Director, [vela@uark.edu](mailto:vela@uark.edu).

## **Doctoral Degree Requirements**

Incoming doctoral students should identify an appropriate faculty mentor based on research interests. Students will not be admitted to a program without a mutual agreement between the student and a faculty member. Doctoral applicants must submit three letters of recommendation through the Graduate School website, in addition to official transcripts, GRE scores (optional), CV or resume, and statement of interest. It is possible the applicant will interview with program faculty, particularly if the student is being considered for a graduate assistant position. The program may require additional prerequisites after review of application materials.

## **Deadlines**

Priority deadlines are as follows:

- Summer/Fall admission - February 1
- Spring admission - October 1

## **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 <http://grad.uark.edu/future/funding/fellowships.php>

For more information, contact the Graduate Coordinator: Amanda Sullivan, [alsulliv@uark.edu](mailto:alsulliv@uark.edu)