The Bachelor of Science in Education, Physical Education, K-12 Emphasis

Keep young minds and bodies healthy.

Good health, nutrition and exercise are important for our nation’s children, and physical education teachers play an important role in their students’ overall development. Physical education teachers help students learn the importance of physical activity and how it contributes to their overall health and wellness. If you love sports, are passionate about health and fitness, and want to work with kids, becoming a K-12 physical education teacher could be a great career choice for you.

The Bachelor of Science in Education, with an Emphasis in Physical Education K-12

The BS in Education, with an emphasis in Physical Education, prepares future and practicing teachers with the knowledge and skills necessary to teach physical education in the schools. The program emphasizes the development of professional skills in the teaching/learning processes that lead to the promotion of healthful and physically active lifestyles in children and youth.

The College of Education will recommend you to the Missouri Department of Elementary/Secondary Education for teacher certification in Physical Education K-12 at the completion of this program, if you have met all state requirements. Physical education students who have obtained their initial certification can add the health K-12 endorsement by passing the appropriate content area exam.

Upon completion of the program, graduates will be able to improve and enhance student learning; integrate technology to create meaningful student learning within the context of a global digital society; apply content and pedagogical knowledge to create authentic and deep learning experiences; use learning science principles to design, implement and evaluate curriculum based on learning standards; design and establish a safe, inclusive and respectful learning environment that nurtures the intellectual, social and personal development of all students; and use equitable frameworks and inclusive practices to create a variety of instructional and assessment opportunities adapted to diverse learners to encourage all students’ critical thinking, problem solving and performance skills.
Fully accredited.
The Bachelor of Science in Education at UMSL is earned through our fully accredited College of Education which provides Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education certifications. Additionally, our counseling programs are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs and our school psychology program is accredited by the National Association for School Psychology.

Preparing for an ever-changing world.
The College of Education offers a variety of programs that lead to exciting and rewarding career opportunities. Our faculty, staff and community partners are committed to providing experiences to build the knowledge and skills needed for individuals to be successful in multiple educational settings and occupations. These careers include teachers, principals, and district superintendents; teachers and administrators for informal education organizations like museums, zoos and nature centers; counselors and mental health professionals for schools, hospitals, corporate employee assistance programs, clinics and private settings; and postsecondary leaders and instructors for community colleges, career technical schools and four-year colleges and universities.

The college hosts many centers and initiatives that enhance student experiences in our programs and work with more than 36 different public, private and charter schools throughout the region. We also sponsor eight charter schools.

Serious education. Serious value.
The BS in Education is designed to provide specialized knowledge, skills and training in a flexible format. You’ll learn from highly qualified educators and researchers who hold terminal degrees from some of the world’s most prestigious academic institutions.

The University of Missouri–St. Louis provides the knowledge, resources, tools, skills and support students need to be successful in our programs. Our comprehensive student support services include workshops, tutoring and career services to help you develop skills and strategies to be successful in the classroom and beyond. UMSL welcomes transfer students and our transfer specialists will assist you with getting the most transfer credits possible. We’re also committed to increasing access to higher education, and as such, UMSL is consistently ranked number one in affordability in the St. Louis region.

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Career Opportunities

Physical Education Teacher, Elementary School
Physical Education Teacher, Middle School
Physical Education Teacher, Junior High School
Physical Education Teacher, Senior High School

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The University of Missouri–St. Louis is the largest public research university located in Missouri’s most populous and economically important region. UMSL provides high-quality, affordable education to one of the most diverse student bodies in the state. No university is better connected to the surrounding region than UMSL. Seventy-three percent of our graduates stay in St. Louis. The region needs a workforce well-equipped to teach the region’s population and UMSL is prepared to help you meet that need. Choose the University of Missouri–St. Louis for education.