

# **Graduate Physical Education Programs**

The Department of HPELS graduate programs are intended to help students develop by acquiring and advancing knowledge of their subject matter, and conceptualizing, conducting and evaluating research. The acquired knowledge and skills will allow the graduate student to improve the quality of practice in school, community, and clinical settings. Thesis options are available in some programs. A comprehensive exam is required in all programs. Graduate assistantships that emphasize teaching skills and research are available for all graduate programs.

## **Masters of Science**

### **Exercise Science**

The M.S. Degree with an emphasis in exercise science requires students to complete a minimum of 33 hours. The program allows students to elect from two degree-track options:

- 1) A thesis track includes course work and research experiences that involve completing a thesis in an area related to exercise physiology, kinesiology, motor learning, sports management, and other cognate areas.
- 2) A non-thesis track that includes course work and experiences in preparation for a career in a clinical setting such as teaching, wellness/fitness, cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, strength and conditioning, and sports performance.

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