

# Professional Studies Certificate: Health and Physical Education K-12



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UNIVERSITY  
Division of Education & Leadership

A Full-time, Two-Year Certificate Program (39 credit hours)

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Professional Studies Certificate Program (PSC) for Health and Physical Education serves students who want to obtain Virginia Teacher Licensure. This PSC program is intended to meet the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) requirements for licensure in the health and physical education PreK-12 endorsement area. The PSC in Health and Physical Education is offered in the Fall, Spring, and Summer terms. Program entry requires meeting the undergraduate Kinesiology Health and Physical Education PreK-12 content courses, as well as Adapted Physical Education (KNS 481).

## PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

- Bachelor's degree with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application with a \$30 non-refundable application fee
- Bachelor's Degree (minimum 3.0 GPA)
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission from all institutions of higher education previously attended.
- One letter of recommendation
- Essay addressing your background and educational goals (2-3 pages)
- Praxis Academic Core Tests (and appropriate substitutes) are no longer required as entrance exams for graduate teacher education programs at Shenandoah University. Instead, students will complete the Praxis 2 exams during the course of the program.
- Language Proficiency Requirement must be met. Submission of TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, or Duolingo English Test may be required. See our policy for full details: <https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students>

## ABOUT THE DIVISION OF EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP

Shenandoah University's Division of Education & Leadership (DOEL) prepares practitioner-leaders by offering programs of study that conform to the following principles: practicing in a spirit of collaboration; thoughtful examination of the foundations, current contexts, and future possibilities of the fields of study; encouraging proactive, problem-centered philosophies of educational and professional practice; producing graduates who will be knowledge-driven, competent decision-makers whose thinking is informed by reflective practice; and preparing caring, capable, and reflective teachers, administrators, human services, and public sector practitioners.

As part of efforts to make education more accessible for educators and leaders who serve our communities, all DOEL graduate programs are offered at a [reduced tuition rate](#).

## ADMISSION & APPLICATION

### Start Term

Spring (January)  
Summer (May)  
Fall (August)

### Admission Deadline

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis

### Format/Location

On-campus in Winchester

### How to Apply

Begin the online application process by going to [www.su.edu/sehdapp](http://www.su.edu/sehdapp)

### Foreign Transcripts

International transcript evaluation by an accredited agency is an admission requirement. Approved services are listed at [www.naces.org](http://www.naces.org) and <http://aice-eval.org/>.

### Transfer Credits

Only grades of "A" or "B" are transferable

A maximum of nine graduate hours may be approved by the Director

### Contact Us

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#### CAMPUS LOCATIONS



**Winchester Main Campus**  
1460 University Drive  
Winchester, VA 22601



**James L. Bowman Building**  
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Winchester, Virginia 22601

## CURRICULUM

The degree requirement is 27 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Educational Foundations Courses</b>		
PSYP 510	Human Growth & Learning	3
EDU 510	The Teaching Profession	3
RDG 635	Literacy in the Content Areas	3
<b>Health &amp; P.E. Specialty Courses</b>		
KNS 505	Materials & Methods in Teaching Elementary H&PE	3
KNS 506	Materials & Methods in Teaching Secondary H&PE	3
KNS 508	Materials & Methods in Teaching Health	3
KNS 562	Physical Education Curriculum Models	3
KNS 590	Elementary School Student Teaching in H&PE	3
KNS 652	Elementary School Student Teaching in H&PE	3
KNS 653	Secondary School Student Teaching in H&PE	3
KNS 654	Student Teaching Seminar in H&PE	3
<b>Passing scores on Praxis II</b>		
<b>Total</b>		<b>39</b>

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**How much does the program cost?**

Tuition through the Division of Education and Leadership is offered at the [discounted rate](#).

**Can I complete this program while working full time?**

Yes, all of our programs in the Division of Education & Leadership can be completed on a part-time basis, and many classes are offered in the evenings to accommodate working professionals. Most graduate students enrolled in DOEL programs also work full time.