

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

*Please read **Part 1, Part 2, & Part 3***

Eligibility

Students are eligible to apply for admission to the Physical Education Teacher Education (PETE) Professional Program when the following are met:

Completed 60 credit hours (minimum) of prerequisite coursework

Completed the Movement Core courses – exceptions will be made for applicants who are transferring from a community college

Achieved a minimum 2.75 cumulative University of Wyoming GPA, and, if applicable, a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA in all transfer coursework

Completed 60 hours of work (minimum) with children/adolescents in a movement setting, with the work experience verified through a supervisor letter of reference

POLICY STATEMENTS

Minimum Requirements

Students must possess the physical abilities necessary to carry out tasks associated with teaching in a dynamic learning environment. Pre-Service teachers must:

1. Anticipate the actions of multiple learners
2. Detect actions and provide immediate verbal and non-verbal feedback to the learners
3. Manage the learning environment to ensure the physical safety of all learners

Waiving an Admission Requirement

An admission requirement may only be waived by unanimous decision of the Physical Education Teacher Education committee.

A waiver request must be petitioned by the student and include a rationale for waiving the requirement.



Division of Kinesiology and Health
Physical Education
Teacher Education

APPLICATION for ADMISSION

Due: April 15th

Application Components

Electronic application:

A. **Basic Student Information**

B. **Uploaded items:**

- ① **Written Essay**
- ② **Transcripts**
- ③ **Contact Hours Letter of Reference:** Written by Supervisor

C. **Acknowledgements:** Advisor identification; permission to release Background Check results

Active Application process:

Thoroughly read all instructions & supplemental requirements:

1. Remain aware of due date, and provide enough notice for Contact Hour Supervisor to write a reference letter
2. Substitute Permit requirements are detailed in 'Part 3' of application list

Post-Application process:

Immediately, upon application submission:

1. Schedule your Interview appointment (Dr. Kern will use the email you provided)
2. Follow up with current Advisor

Following application review by the PETE faculty, you will be notified whether you have been awarded provisional admittance. Full acceptance into the professional program will be met once you obtain your Substitute Permit from the Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board (PTSB) and completion of additional coursework, as requested by the PETE faculty.

3. Apply for the Substitute Permit, which requires passing a Background Check
4. Send a copy of your Substitute Permit directly to both:
 - **Angela Simonton:** Angela.Simonton@uwyo.edu
 - **Ben Kern:** bkern2@uwyo.edu

Application Assessment

The Application Packet will be scored as follows:

1. Cumulative UW GPA or Cumulative Transfer Institution GPA
2. Completion of Prerequisite Courses
3. Demonstration of Communication Skills of interview
4. Written essay



Upload Clarifications

Written Essay

Prepare an essay that addresses the following question:

What do you believe to be the purpose of physical education and what role do you think physical education teachers should assume in fulfilling this purpose?

Formatting requirements:

- 2-3 pages (double spaced 1" margin, 12 pt font)
- Use research-based evidence to support your position
- Cite evidence from recent journal articles or written documents produced by national physical education organizations (e.g., NASPE, SHAPE America) or public health organizations (e.g., CDC, NIH, WHO)
- Format the American Psychological Association (APA) 7th edition manual of style
- Include a separate reference section in addition to essay text

Contact Hour Letter:

Copy/Paste the following information, and send to Contact Hours Supervisor:



Instructions for Supervisor:

At the time of application for the professional program in Physical Education Teacher Education, a student is required to demonstrate completion of the following:

- 60 contact hour experience(s) with children and/or youth in a human movement setting
 - The experience(s) must be with children/youth aged 5 to 16 in an organized group
- Student position/role should be one of leader/instructor. Possibilities include:
 - Swimming instructor
 - Playground supervisor/leader
 - Coach/Assistant Coach of youth sport (e.g., baseball, soccer, basketball)
 - Leader/supervisor of a summer recreational camp

Please write a letter confirming the movement experience(s) of the Student Requestor.

This letter should be written on organizational letterhead, and include the following:

- Student Name (First & Last)
- Activity
- Organization (e.g., T-ball)
- Description of your role
- Participant ages
- Experience timeline (start and finish dates)
- Participant contact hours (amount)
- Supervisor: name, address, phone number
- Supervisor signature

Save the reference letter as a PDF; the Student Requestor will upload it with the full application.