The Physical Education Teacher Education licensure program prepares students to become physically literate teachers and coaches who are trained in the best practices of Physical Education and Wellness. There are multiple field experience opportunities with some of the finest teachers in the local schools. The Ready2Teach Residency program, which is a full-year student teaching experience, emulates an authentic school year starting the very first day of school. This superior student teaching opportunity grooms our students to be effective teachers in a comprehensive manner.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Curriculum** designed to prepare students for entering teaching field
- **Faculty** with a vast amount of teaching experience at multiple levels
- **Multiple** classes with clinical placement to provide real world teaching experiences
- **50** credit hours of physical education teacher education courses
- **1 year** residency experience to provide students a full year of teacher preparation
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students are well-prepared to begin employment within the following areas:

- Elementary School Physical Education Teacher
- Middle/High School Physical Education Teacher
- Middle/High School Coaching (School-Affiliated Programs)
- Comprehensive School Physical Activity Program Coordinator
- Coordinated School Health District Supervisor
- Fitness and Wellness Teacher/Coordinator (Public or Private)

Students are well-prepared to attend graduate school within the following areas:

- Physical Education Teacher Education (K-12)
- Health Education (K-12)
- Health Promotion
- Instruction, Curriculum, & Leadership
- Kinesiology
- Exercise Science & Exercise Psychology

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

“The amount of knowledge, passion and desire for their students to not only pass, but to walk out of the program ready to impact children’s lives everyday as a coach and PE teacher was evident in each of my instructors. My professors set high expectations and pushed each one of us to be our very best every day”. -Rebekah Gosney, BSEd

“One of the most awesome parts about being a member of the PETE program is that the faculty really want you to succeed and be great in every aspect of teaching. We hear encouragement all the time and really are being molded into great teachers and leaders in our profession. It feels like a family here and to be a Tiger for almost 6 years has been special.” -Dustin Duren, BSEd & MS

“As a transfer student, I was brought in with open arms. All of the PETE faculty are extremely knowledgeable and approachable with an “open door” policy. Without question, much of the success I have earned as well as my potential for future success can be credited to the education acquired from the PETE Program and their exceptional faculty. I know that with my education and training at the University of Memphis, I am ready for the challenge of taking physical education in the classroom to the next level.” -Sam Thompson, BSEd
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