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B.S. in Physical Education

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Major Information

The Department of Physical Education offers programs designed to help students develop knowledge and skills necessary for effective teaching in today's schools. Students are prepared for the teaching profession in a way that is reflective of Franciscan service to others – an ideal that is central to the mission of St. Bonaventure University. The degree in physical education leads to New York state certification at all levels. It offers an opportunity to move to other roles in the profession, such as coaching and recreation, as well as provide teaching and leadership opportunities in non-school settings, such as fitness and sports centers. A degree in physical education certifies a graduate to coach in New York.

Technology Integration

The School of Education is committed to preparing technology-proficient educators who can use a variety of tools to design and enrich learning environments. This was the reason why, in 1999, we sought and successfully received a \$1.16 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education's program Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology. We are committed to challenging our students to use a broad array of technological tools for their own learning. More importantly, in partnership with several area schools, all of our students will learn to use technologies to support the learning of their students. Our field experiences involve the use of technology in tutoring, in small groups, and for large-group instruction. We believe that children's learning is best supported by using a variety of approaches, materials and tools, and we focus on helping future teachers learn to evaluate, select and design appropriate learning environments.

Extraordinary Opportunities

In recent years the undergraduate physical education teacher education program has added a range of very special learning experiences that make us distinct. Students are engaged in work with Special Olympics, National Girls and Women's Sports Day; providing academic presentations at local, state, and international conferences; and helping others through service projects and service-learning related to physical education and sport.

Your Four-Year Journey At SBU

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First Year: Students will begin taking Clare courses to meet the requirements of the core curriculum and be introduced to foundational coursework in biology, team sports, and human movement.

Second Year: Students will continue with their Clare coursework as well as begin to study developmental psychology, human anatomy and physiology, wellness, physical education curriculum, individual and dual sports, and special education.

Third Year: Students focus on coursework emphasizing the scientific analysis of movement, the prevention and care of athletic injuries, assessment and outdoor skills. In addition, they enter the SBU Field Block where they learn about teaching first hand, through coursework and practice, in area public schools.

Fourth Year: Students complete their undergraduate coursework by concluding their remaining core studies and by participating in the Clare College capstone course: *The University Forum*. During the final semesters at SBU, students are placed in two of our area schools for the completion of their student teaching experience.