School of Physical Education, Sport and Exercise Sciences

Career Paths in Pedagogy (Teaching & Learning)

Areas in which our graduates have found employment

Primary or Secondary Teaching - Working within school settings as a Health and Physical Education teacher.

Curriculum Development Consultant - Creating and working to develop resources and implementing curricula in a wide range of educational contexts e.g. Regional Sports Trusts.

Policy Analyst - Working with Government departments (e.g. Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health) to produce and implement policy relating to education.

Some Examples
Here are some examples of pedagogy positions held by our graduates:

Lecturers – Colleges of Education, Polytechnics and Universities
Sports Coordinator - Secondary Schools
Head of Health and Physical Education Departments in Secondary Schools

Which Physical Education, Sport and Exercise Sciences Papers Should I Take?
In addition to the required Physical Education, Sport and Exercise Sciences papers, students who are interested in careers in the pedagogy area should consider taking the following:

| PHSE 231/232 | Applied Theory & Practice 2A/2B |
| PHSE 320 | Akoranga Whakakori |
| PHSE 322 | Teaching Physical Education & Health |
| PHSE 323 | Issues in Physical Education & Health |
| PHSE 325 | Dance & the Community |
| PHSE 326 | Dance Education |
| PHSE 327 | Adventure Education |
| PHSE 328 | Teaching & Learning in the Outdoors |
| PHSE 326 | Dance Education |
| PHSE 327 | Adventure Education |
| PHSE 330 | Sports Coaching |
| PHSE 337 | Body, Culture & Society |
| PHSE 338 | Advanced Sociology of Sport |
| PHSE 416 | Adventure, Environment & Society |

What Other Papers Should I Take?
Students may wish to consider taking introductory and/or advanced papers in other departments such as:

Maori Studies
MAOR 102 Māori Society
MAOR 110 Introduction to Conversational Māori
MAOR 108 Waiata: Te Timatanga

Social and Community Work
SOWK 111 Working with People: The NZ Context

Health Studies
HEAL 192 Foundations of Epidemiology
HEAL 202 Health Promotion

Education
EDUC 101 Education & Society
EDUC 102 Human Development
EDUC 251 Education in NZ: Policy & Issues
EDUC 252 How People Learn
EDUC 306 Guidance & Counselling
Double Degrees
Many students choose to pursue double degrees combining a BPhEd with a BA, BSc or BCom. If you intend to teach in New Zealand secondary schools, a second teaching subject is required, therefore students should take subjects that lend themselves to teaching. You should consult the latest recommendations from the teacher training institution you would like to attend.

Gaining Practical Experience
Many students who seek careers in Pedagogy may enrol in PHSE 231 and PHSE 232: Applied Theory & Practice 2A and 2B. It may be useful to select practicals from the Sport Analysis and Leadership, Outdoor Leadership, Sport and Exercise Training and Movement Experiences areas. Potential employers place a high value on work experience and students should consider part-time or volunteer work in local schools and the community as coaches, teachers’ aides or camp leaders.

Professional Groups and Seminars
Students may also consider accessing relevant groups and join mailing lists, such as:

Ministry of Education
45-47 Pipitea Street
Pvte Box 1666
Wellington
Tel 04 473 5544
Website www.minedu.govt.nz

Physical Education New Zealand Inc (PENZ)
P O Box 10203
Bayfair
Mt Maunganui 3152
Tel 07 544 4300
Website www.penz.org.nz

Te Kete Ipurangi - The Online Learning Centre
Website http://www.tki.org.nz/e/kti

For practical information on pedagogy, students are encouraged to read:


Further information...
For further information on course selection, students should consult the School of Physical Education, Sport and Exercise Sciences website http://physed.otago.ac.nz. Alternatively, students should consult Prof Lisette Burrows, Assoc Prof Tania Cassidy, or the School’s Chief Course Adviser, Ms Margie Lazar, Tel 03 479 5263, Email pe.undergrad@otago.ac.nz.