

DISCONTINUANCE OF THE MASTER OF EDUCATION WITH A MAJOR IN KINESIOLOGY

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors discontinue the Master of Education with a major in Kinesiology, effective Fall 2020.

Background

The M.Ed. with a major in Kinesiology is currently offered with two concentrations: exercise and sport science and physical education and physical activity leadership. The concentrations will be transitioned into two new programs: Master of Science with a major in Exercise and Sport Science and Master of Science with a major in Health and Physical Education Teaching. The State of Michigan has merged health and physical education endorsements into one, and the Standards for the Preparation of Health and Physical Education Teachers have been completely revised. Therefore, we propose to redesign our program.

Program Description

The M.Ed. with a major in Kinesiology prepared students for academic or professional careers in teaching physical education or physical activity leadership, which involved the study of concepts related to conducting physical activity programs with an emphasis on school-based, community-based and sport-based contexts. The program also prepared students for careers in exercise and sport science focusing on the knowledge and skill in sport and fitness activities; psychology of exercise and sport; knowledge about human movement systems to fitness and wellness; and evaluation of human performance of individuals in various age groups and at differing fitness levels.

Accommodations for Current Students

Students will complete the M.Ed. with a major in Kinesiology or be moved into one of two new programs by the end-of-term Fall 2023. Plans of work will be adjusted to allow for seamless transition.

Approvals

The discontinuance of this degree program has been approved by the Division of Kinesiology, Health and Sport Studies, the College of Education Assembly, Dean of the College of Education, the Graduate Council, the Dean of the Graduate School and the Provost.