

Physical Education MS

Expanded Statement of Institutional Purpose

Institutional Mission Reference

The MS Program offers graduate students a high quality degree program in the emphasis tracts of athletic training, exercise science and wellness or sports management that meets national standards of excellence. Program faculty are committed to quality teaching and the discovery of new knowledge. The MS Program supports the University's mission of providing advanced professional education for the Hampton Roads area and the Commonwealth.

Institutional Goal(s) Supported

The MS Program supports the University goals of (a) quality graduate academic programs, (b) quality teaching, (c) discovery of new knowledge, and (d) community service. (See pages 3-4 of the Old Dominion University Catalog or pages 8-9 of the Strategic Plan.) The MS Program also supports Strategic Initiative 2 (Excellent Graduate Programs). (See the Old Dominion University Strategic Plan.)

Intended Educational (Student) Outcomes, Methods for Assessment, Criteria for Success, Assessment Results, and Use of Results

Intended Outcome 1

Students will communicate effectively in writing.

Method for Assessing Outcome 1 and Criterion for Success: 100% of students will earn scores of Satisfactory or higher on the Writing Proficiency Exam administered during the first 12 credit hours of the program.

Summary of Assessment Data Collected for Outcome 1: 100% of students passed the Writing Proficiency Exam.

Intended Outcome 2

Students will use research methods and designs to effectively test hypotheses and draw conclusions.

Method for Assessing Outcome 2 and Criterion for Success: Half of all MS students will have papers accepted for publication or presentation at conferences upon graduation.

Summary of Assessment Data Collected for Outcome 2: 20% of the MS students had papers accepted for presentation at conferences. Due to this being a new requirement in the curriculum it is expected that this goal will be achieved in the 2001-2002 academic year.

Alternate Method for Assessing Outcome 2 and Criterion for Success: All students will earn scores of Satisfactory or higher on the projects in the Research Methods and Statistics courses.

Summary of Assessment Data Collected, Alternate Method for Outcome 2: All students earned scores of Satisfactory or higher on the projects in the Research Methods and Statistics courses.

Intended Outcome 3

Students will use computers effectively to present information.

Method for Assessing Outcome 3 and Criterion for Success: All students will use a word-processing program for the Research Methods paper; 100% will earn a score of Good or Excellent on the Appearance sub-score of the Thesis.

Summary of Assessment Data Collected for Outcome 3: 100% of students received a Good or Excellent on word-processing of research methods paper and power point presentations. All of the students received a passing score on the Thesis.

Alternate Method for Assessing Outcome 3 and Criterion for Success: All students will use SPSS to analyze data for the Statistics course; 90% will earn a score of Good or Excellent on the Data Analysis component of the project in the Research Methods course.

Summary of Assessment Data Collected, Alternate Method for Outcome 3: 100% of the students earned a score of Good or Excellent on the use of SPSS and data analysis of the Research Methods project.

Intended Outcome 4

Students will demonstrate knowledge of the major theories and empirical findings in the field of Athletic Training, Exercise Science and Wellness or Sports Management.

Method for Assessing Outcome 4 and Criterion for Success: All students will earn scores of 80 or higher on the Comprehensive Exam or Thesis Defense.

Summary of Assessment Data Collected for Outcome 4: 87% of the students earned 80% or higher on the Comprehensive Exam or Thesis Defense.

Alternate Method for Assessing Outcome 4 and Criterion for Success: Half of all MS students will have Thesis papers accepted for publication or presentation at conferences prior to graduation.

Summary of Assessment Data Collected, Alternate Method for Outcome 4: Half of the MS Students had Thesis papers accepted for publication or presentation at conferences prior to graduation.