

Office of Educator Preparation

Advising FAQs for MS Physical Education & Health Education

- Students must major in Wellness & Adventure Education in order to be eligible for the MS PE&HE program.
- The MS program is a *dual certification* program; in other words, students cannot choose HE or PH—they must meet the requirements for *both*.
- Students must have and maintain a **GPA of 2.75** in WAE in order to remain in the Teacher Education track. Students who do not meet/maintain the 2.75 GPA will be administratively moved to the Corporate Wellness Track.
- Students must have a **GPA of 3.0 at the end of their Junior Year** to move into the MS Program.
- Students must earn a grade of C or better in all **major and major related classes**, including BIO 101 & BIO 102 (or BIO 103).
- Students must earn a grade of C or better in all undergraduate Education courses and courses required for NYSED certification, and they must earn a grade of B- or better in all graduate Education courses.
- Students are required by NYSED to have 6 credit hours of foreign language instruction (language other than English) and earn a grade of C or better.
- All content (WAE) and pedagogical (EDU) courses need to be completed with sufficient grades before candidates can student teach.
- Students apply for student teaching 1 year in advance (Spring Senior Year).
- During the student teaching semester, candidates take no other courses. Student teaching is the equivalent of a full time job, and candidates should not be coaching or working outside of student teaching responsibilities. It is important to plan accordingly.
- In order to obtain NYSED certification, the following certification tests are required:
 - o CSTs (Content Specialty Tests) for Physical Education & Health Education Take after completion of WAE program.
 - o EAS Test (Educating All Students Test) Take after EDU 621
 - o edTPA (completed during student teaching semester)