

# Education Specialist Degree with a Major in Coaching Pedagogy in Physical Education

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The Ed.S. in Coaching Pedagogy in Physical Education is a rigorous academic program of 27 semester hours of fully online course work. Graduates of the program who meet all criteria may be eligible for upgrade to T-6 certification in the state of Georgia or reciprocal states.

1. Applicants must have completed a master's degree at an accredited or approved institution.
2. Applicants must have completed an undergraduate or master's degree at an accredited or approved institution with a major in health and physical education or physical education, with documentation of passing GACE II Content Assessment or PRAXIS II. Applicants from related fields (e.g., athletic training or exercise physiology) will be required to show a passing score on GACE II Content Assessment or PRAXIS II, provide experiential background information, and attend a selection interview demonstrating appropriate knowledge and commitment to the program.
3. Applicants must have completed 3 years of acceptable school experience, including coaching duties.
4. Students will not be admitted with a grade point average of less than 3.00 on all previous graduate work attempted.
5. Students will not be admitted with a Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score of less than 850 (verbal portion plus either quantitative or analytical portion) or a Miller Analogies Test (MAT) raw score of less than 390. Moreover, the score on the verbal section of the GRE may not be less than 400.

This specialist program offers candidates the opportunity to continue to develop their knowledge and skills through advanced and more specialized content designed specifically to address excellence in coaching and educate practicing teachers through the medium of coaching studies. Course objectives and requirements coincide with the National Association for Sport and Physical Education National Standards for Sport Coaches.

## Selected Educational Outcomes

Candidates will:

1. develop a coaching philosophy that centers on ethical conduct and behavior while focusing on the safety and well being of the athlete.
2. develop effective sport coaching pedagogical practices that are applicable to the advanced candidate's current sport context.
3. develop a research-based capstone project on a topic that is unique to the needs of the sports program being coached by the candidate and determine the relevance of the study through a statistical analysis of the results.

## Examples of Outcome Assessments

Candidates will:

1. Develop a coaching philosophy to be evaluated by faculty using a departmentally developed rubric.
2. Create a pedagogical context knowledge portfolio in which the effective physical education and sport coaching instructional practices are adapted to the advanced candidate's sport context.
3. Develop a capstone project on a topic that is unique to the needs of the advanced candidate's professional growth and the sports program being coached with results based on meta-analysis of current sport coaching pedagogical research.

Prior to admission to any graduate program at Valdosta State University, applicants must first submit a completed application to the Graduate School. A completed application packet includes official transcripts from all institutions previously attended, official test scores (GRE or MAT), completed application form, fee, and any additional program requirements submitted by the admission deadline. To be considered for the preferred term, all required materials must be received by the Graduate School no later than the close of business on the deadline. It is the responsibility of the applicant to allow adequate time for document submission and to ensure receipt of documents.

## Admission Deadlines

- Fall Deadline: July 15
- Spring Deadline: November 15
- Summer Deadline: April 15

Go to the Graduate School website (<http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/graduate-school/welcome.php>) and click on Our Programs, then click on Coaching Pedagogy Ed.S. Program for information on:

- Specific Coaching Pedagogy Program Admission Requirements
- Coaching Pedagogy Program Retention, Dismissal, and Readmission Policies
- Coaching Pedagogy Program Graduation Requirements

To Apply Online, click here (<https://www.applyweb.com/apply/vsug/menu.html>).

**Requirements for the Ed.S. Degree with a Major in Coaching Pedagogy in Physical Education**

EDUC 5999	Professional Orientation	0
KSPE 8100	Studying Sports Coaching	3
KSPE 8210	Sport Coaching Pedagogy	3
KSPE 8300	Applied Sports Science	3
KSPE 8500	Coaching Pedagogy Research Methods	3
KSPE 8600	Professional Coaching Development	3
KSPE 8700	Communication Skills for Coaches	3
KSPE 8110	History, Sociology and Psychology of Sport	3
KSPE 8410	Coaching Pedagogy: Evaluating Research	3
KSPE 8900	Coaching Pedagogy Capstone: Data Analysis Research Project	3
<b>Total Hours Required for the Degree</b>		<b>27</b>