Western Michigan University’s Coaching Sport Performance (M.A.) program prepares students for successful careers in a coaching profession.

The program’s engaging curriculum enables students to acquire a well-rounded knowledge base and relevant practical experiences necessary to become successful coaches at all levels of sporting competition.

The program has been accredited at the highest level (Level 5) by the National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education.

The program is also aligned with the “8 Domains of Coaching” as identified in the National Standards for Sport Coaches (NASPE).

Consists of 36 graduate credit hours of classroom and field experiences and takes about two years to complete.

Geared for working professionals, the program offers predominantly on-campus courses during the evening.
Coaching Sport Performance (M.A.)

Teaching, Research, and Program Focus Areas
The M.A. Coaching Sport Performance's dynamic curriculum is being taught by number of faculty who hold expertise in the areas aligned with the National Standards for Sport Coaches (NASPE). Our faculty have many years of field experience and have specific expertise in coaching, sport psychology, exercise science, physical education, nutrition, sports management, recreation, athletic training, and health and wellness.

The program prepares students for coaching careers at all levels of sporting competition including: youth, interscholastic, intercollegiate, Olympic, para-Olympic or professional. Our engaging program prepares students to acquire a well-rounded knowledge base and relevant practical experiences that promote an athlete-centered, life-long development model of sport participation with the goal of maximizing the benefits of sport for all participants.

Admissions
There are three application deadlines (June 1 for Fall semester; April 1 for Summer semester; November 1 for Spring semester). In addition to completing WMU's online graduate application and transcripts, applicants must submit a letter of intent, resume, and two letters of reference. No GRE scores are required. Further application details are found on the department website: wmich.edu/humanperformance/academics/grad/coaching/index

Graduate Assistantships/Associateships
The Department of Human Performance and Health Education offers approximately six to eight graduate teaching assistantships each year. The primary responsibility of our graduate teaching assistants is to serve as instructors in our physical activity and health and wellness courses. Applications are due March 1. Please refer to the department website for more details.

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Western Michigan University
One of the top-100 public universities in the United States, Western Michigan University offers many nationally known graduate programs, including 29 doctoral and 64 master's degrees. More than 20 percent of its 25,000 students are enrolled in graduate course work.

Kalamazoo
With a population of more than 325,000, Kalamazoo is the sixth largest metropolitan area in Michigan and among the 150 largest in the country. Kalamazoo is rated one of the 25 best cities in the country for young college graduates, and is located midway between Chicago and Detroit.