Western Michigan University’s Special (Adapted) Physical Education (M.A.) program prepares teachers to provide support for K-12 children with disabilities in the least restrictive, most appropriate and inclusive K-12 school environments.

- 75% of the courses are offered through online education and 25% of the courses can be completed at a nearby university (Western Michigan University or other university).
- Graduates receive Michigan state approval for teaching special (adapted) physical education.
- Tuition rates for Michigan residents and non-residents are the same for online courses.
- Students have the opportunity to be financially supported by a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education.
- Students can choose a thesis or non-thesis internship option.
**Special (Adapted) Physical Education (M.A.)**

**Teaching, Research, and Program Focus Areas**
This program was created in response to an extensive distance learning need expressed by many potential applicants in Michigan and other states. It addresses the need for more qualified special (adapted) physical education teachers in K-12 school settings.

A student enrolled in this graduate program will take 9 courses online and 3 courses in a traditional way at a university near the student’s local area. The program can be completed in two years, but offers flexibility for those students needing to take fewer courses each semester.

**Admissions**
Applications are accepted on an on-going basis, and no GRE scores are required. All requirements are available on the department website:
wmich.edu/humanperformance/academics/grad/spec-adapt-phys-ed

**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. Duties may also include supervising the Special Physical Education Learning Lab. Federal grant funds may be available for this program if the grant application is approved. Applications are due March 1. Please refer to the department website for more details.

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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.

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