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The development of effective instructional, leadership and supervision skills is facilitated by promoting quality physical education programs in PK-12 and higher education settings. Instruction features the development of knowledge and skills that support the appropriate use of technology in physical education settings.

The program is dedicated to the development of leaders in teaching, research, learning and service who impact the lives of the global citizenry through developmentally appropriate physical education programs.

Reasons to choose our program...
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Points of Pride
• The program accommodates working professionals by offering 100 percent online program, hybrid, and traditional on-campus courses.
• Instruction features the latest “best practice” and research in physical education reflecting most current state and national standards and accreditation requirements.
• Customizable academic programs are developed to meet the unique needs of individuals seeking professional growth as highly qualified physical educators.

Teaching, Research and Program Focus Areas
The program is designed to provide coursework and applied experiences reflecting best professional practice which allow students to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes conducive to their employment as effective physical educators.

Faculty are nationally-recognized leaders in the areas of curriculum, instruction, supervision, fitness education and technology.
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Funding
The department 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, 2018. Please refer to the department website for additional details.

Admission
Domestic
Applications accepted on an ongoing basis, allowing students to begin coursework during the fall, spring and summer semesters.

International
Fall 2018: April 1, 2018
Spring 2019: Aug. 1, 2018
Summer 2019: Jan. 15, 2019

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Offering over 100 world class advanced degree programs and holding Carnegie Foundation classification as a higher research doctoral university, the institution has consistently appeared in the U.S. News & World Report as one of America’s best national universities. Graduate students make up 21 percent of the total student body and have been awarded nearly $52 million in financial assistance. WMU enjoys a rich 60+ year history of graduate education.

Kalamazoo, Michigan
The community offers a vibrant cultural atmosphere mixed with a variety of outdoor recreational activities. The city of Kalamazoo is located midway between Detroit and Chicago and is in close proximity to the shoreline of Lake Michigan.