

# KINESIOLOGY

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## Undergraduate Program Information

The Department of Kinesiology provides students with the education necessary to pursue careers in allied health sciences (Athletic Training, Medical School, Physician's Assistant, Physical and Occupational Therapy, Chiropractic Medicine, Nursing, Ultrasound, Radiography, etc.) Physical Education, Dance and a variety of careers in the fitness and wellness industry. Details of the degree programs and their respective concentrations are provided below.

The department also offers minors in Dance and Exercise Science.

## Graduate Program Information

The PhD in Kinesiology encompasses opportunities for focused study in physiological, biomechanical, psychological, and pedagogical domains of human movement. Program emphasis is placed on the acquisition of skills needed for high quality research and innovative teaching. Students are expected to become proficient in research methods within their respective areas of interests. The program prepares students for postdoctoral or faculty positions in higher education, or positions in applied sport and clinical settings. Students are expected to work with specific faculty members to explore interests in Exercise Physiology, Biomechanics, Strength & Conditioning, Sport Psychology, Motor Behavior, Aging, Physical Education, and Dance.

### Admission

The Department of Kinesiology offers a Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) in Kinesiology. To maximize consideration for admittance (for a recommended August start date), candidates should submit applications by January 15 of that same year.

Students are admitted to graduate study on the basis of their potential for achievement in research, scholarship and teaching. The most promising applicants will be accepted. Because the number of students that the department can successfully accommodate is limited, it will not always be possible to admit all qualified applicants. The admissions committee will consider any material that a candidate for admission wishes to present. Application forms and instructions are available here: <http://prospective.nmsu.edu/graduate/apply/index.html> (<http://prospective.nmsu.edu/graduate/apply/index.html.html>). The minimum application consists of the following:

1. A completed Graduate School admission application.
2. Complete transcripts of all college work, reflecting a bachelors and a masters degree - preferred (or 30 hours of graduate work) in a related field of study, and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in prior degree programs.
3. Scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) (there is no minimum requirement; however, scores will be considered during the admission process).
4. Three letters of recommendation from professors, employers or others who are qualified to evaluate your potential for successful graduate work.
5. A curriculum vitae or resume.
6. A personal statement explaining how graduate work at NMSU fits your educational and career goals.
7. A reference to the specific member whose work is of particular interest to you.

8. A letter of support from at least one faculty member from the Department of Kinesiology and Dance indicating an interest in guiding you through your program of studies.