

KINESIOLOGY

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, clinical exercise physiology, etc.) physical education and pedagogy, dance, and various 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

Master of Science in Athletic Training

The Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) program at NMSU comprises 60 credit hours of coursework through traditional and hybrid courses. The MSAT is a 2-year (24-month) professional degree program that starts in June and prepares students to sit for the Board of Certification (BOC) exam leading to the ATC credential. NMSU is currently seeking accreditation for the program through the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education. Admissions are competitive, and applications are managed via the ATCAS (<https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fatcas.liasoncas.com%2Fapplicant-ux%2F%23%2Flogin&data=05%7C01%7Ckbrock%40nmsu.edu%7Cd228741566ea4134dc0908daeea5592d%7Ca3ec87a89fb84158ba8ff11bace1ebaa%7C1%7C0%7C638084691182801088%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=gp8M%2FW616ReVZ7tC5gGCAXuCWXmpwHa7TeZY%2Bd0WMLE%3D&reserved=0>) central application system. The application deadline is April 15th. Interested students can contact the Athletic Training Program Director, Kim O'Connell (kbrock@nmsu.edu) (575-646-5744) for further information.

Doctor of Philosophy in Kinesiology

The Ph.D. 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 interest. The program prepares students for postdoctoral or faculty positions in higher education or positions in applied sports 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, and Physical Education.

Admission

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 the graduate program based on their potential for achievement in research, scholarship, and teaching. The most promising applicants will be accepted. Because the number of students 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 through the graduate school (<https://gradschool.nmsu.edu/>). 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 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.