Southern's Physical Education Teacher Education Program is designed to prepare students to teach physical education in PreK-12 public and private schools. Successful completion of this program fulfills the academic requirements of the Connecticut initial educator certificate for PK-12 physical education. The Physical Education Teacher Education Program is nationally accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and fulfills all standards established by the Society of Health and Physical Education (SHAPE) America.

**PROGRAM FEATURES**

**Physical Education, B.S. – Concentration: Pre-K-12 Teacher Certification**

The program includes multiple opportunities to gain real-life field experience throughout the student's matriculation, including 16 weeks of full time teaching during the culminating student teaching experience. Course instruction is provided by experienced, dynamic faculty who have a sincere interest in each student's development.

[Click here for Program Information](https://www.southernct.edu/physical-education-prk-12)

**Physical Education, B.S. – Concentration: Pre-K-12 Teacher Certification and School Health Education M.S. Accelerated Pathway**

This B.S./ M.S. five-year program provides high-achieving students with the opportunity to complete foundational graduate coursework during their senior year of undergraduate study in order to accelerate and complete both their bachelor's degree and the M.S. in School Health Education. This contemporary program prepares students to teach, lead, coordinate and advocate for physical education and school health education programs for children and youth in grades Pre-K through 12. It meets the requirements for a cross-endorsement in health education, as well as addresses workforce demands, given the 1.0 credit Connecticut state high school graduation requirements in health education.

[Click here for Program Information](https://www.southernct.edu/bs-physical-education-to-ms-school-health-education)

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Graduates enter the physical education and health education fields equipped to drive and shape change as impassioned leaders of student health and wellness. Physical education graduates are currently teaching and coaching in public and private elementary, middle, and high schools. Professionals with graduate-level experience are more competitive upon entering the workforce.

**FIELD EXPERIENCES**

A staple of the SCSU Physical Education Teacher Education Program is providing teacher candidates with real-life field experiences from the moment they enter the program. Teacher candidates participate in over 300 hours of field experiences before their student teaching semester.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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