

COACHING AND OFFICIATING (CONCENTRATION)

LIFELONG WELLNESS THROUGH INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP

MASTER OF SCIENCE AND CERTIFICATE

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

DELIVERY METHOD

100% online

START TERMS

Fall or Spring

COMPLETION TIME

M.S.: Varies - minimum 18 months (full-time) or work at your own pace

Certificate: less than one year

NUMBER OF CREDITS

M.S. - 30 credits
Certificate - 12 credits

Prepare for
Leadership Roles in
Coaching and Sport Officiating



SlipperyRock
University

A member of Pennsylvania's State System
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EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Coaching and Officiating Concentration prepares graduate students for leadership roles in coaching and sport officiating across diverse competitive levels. This concentration emphasizes ethical decision-making, leadership, sport psychology, philosophy, and applied performance training aligned with national professional standards. Students engage in project-based and experiential learning that promotes reflection, communication, and real-world decision-making. Graduates are equipped to lead, mentor, and evaluate athletes, officials, and sport programs in educational, community, and competitive sport environments.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Our program offers:

- 30-credit, non-thesis graduate master's program
- 12-credit certificate
- Focusing on coaching and sport officiating leadership
- Coursework in ethics, leadership, sport psychology, and applied practice
- Project-based and experiential learning using technology-enhanced assignments
- Preparation for leadership roles across educational, community, and competitive sport settings

CURRICULUM - M.S. COACHING AND OFFICIATING

Core Courses

PHED 685	Fundraising and Grant Writing	3
PHED 740	Application of Research for Physical Activity and Well-Being	3
PHED 745	Leadership Training in Physical Activity and Well-Being	3
PHED 750	Internship **	6

Subtotal 15

**With Academic Advisor approval, students may substitute two graduate elective courses for PHED 750.

CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS

PHED 610	Long-Term Training for Sport Performance	3
PHED 611	Advanced Coaching Principles and Practices	3
PHED 612	Advanced Sport Psychology for Coaching and Officiating	3
PHED 613	Sports Officiating: Philosophy, Ethics, and Leadership	3
	Graduate Elective	3

Subtotal 15

Total Hours 30

CURRICULUM - CERTIFICATE IN COACHING AND OFFICIATING

The Coaching and Officiating Graduate Certificate offers focused, graduate-level preparation for professionals seeking to strengthen their knowledge and leadership skills in coaching and sport officiating. This fully online, 12-credit program emphasizes ethical decision-making, applied sport psychology, and practical performance strategies. Courses are offered in the fall and spring semesters and may be applied toward the Master of Science degree.

Required Courses

PHED 610	Long-Term Training for Sport Performance	3
PHED 611	Advanced Coaching Principles and Practices	3
PHED 612	Advanced Sport Psychology for Coaching and Officiating	3
PHED 613	Sports Officiating: Philosophy, Ethics, and Leadership	3

Total Hours 12

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and nonrefundable application fee:

- Official undergraduate degree transcript(s) and any graduate transcripts (if applicable)
- Two electronic recommendation forms
- A 750-word essay describing how this certificate will help you reach your career goals

Unconditional admission may be offered to applicants who submit acceptable credentials as listed above, and who have earned an undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or higher (based on a 4.0 scale). Applicants who do not meet all the above criteria may be offered conditional admission upon recommendation of the graduate coordinator and approval by the dean of the appropriate college. Applicants should have their final official transcripts forwarded directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions.

TUITION AND ASSISTANTSHIPS

Information on current tuition and assistantships can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate. Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office at www.sru.edu/FinAid or the Office of Graduate Admissions. Financial aid is not available for the post-master's certification program.

NOTE:

Financial Aid is not available for the certificate only program.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:

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The educational policies and procedures are continually being reviewed and changed in keeping with the mission of the university. Consequently, this document cannot be considered binding and is intended to be used as only an informational guide. Students are responsible for being informed of official policies and regulations for meeting all appropriate requirements.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ADMISSIONS:

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