EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY - PH.D.

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Description
The Ph.D. degree in Exercise Physiology prepares students for a wide variety of career options, including exercise prescription and research. The program develops the competencies needed for those who intend to teach exercise physiology, pursue research or apply exercise physiology in practice.

Fully Offered At:
• Kent Campus

Accreditation
Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

Admission Requirements
• Undergraduate degree in exercise science or equivalent preparation
• Official transcript(s)
• Minimum 3.500 graduate GPA (4.000 scale) is recommended
• GRE or MCAT score of the 50th percentile
• Goal statement
• Two letters of recommendation
• Interview

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 550 TOEFL score (79 on the Internet-based version), minimum 77 MELAB score, minimum 6.5 IELTS score or minimum 58 PTE Academic score. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website. Effective spring 2018.

For more information about graduate admission, please visit the Graduate Studies website.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:
1. Present their research data regionally and nationally at conferences.
2. Publish their research data in peer reviewed publications.
3. Teach classes associated with exercise physiology.
4. Work in the field and implement community-based exercise programming.

Program Requirements
Major Requirements
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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 65

Students must enroll in EXPH 73095 for two semesters.

Upon admission to candidacy, each doctoral candidate must register for EXPH 83199. It is expected that a doctoral candidate will continuously register for Dissertation I for a total of 30 credit hours, and thereafter EXPH 83299, each semester (including summer) until all requirements for the degree have been met. The dissertation must show that the student has the competency to conduct research in a discriminating and original manner. The quality of the dissertation must be such that one or more articles acceptable for publication in a professional journal may be expected to be derived from it.

Graduation Requirements
Only in rare instances does a student fulfill the educational and research expectations within the minimum-credit-hour requirement for this degree. Any deficiencies in a doctoral student’s academic preparation must be corrected very early in the approved academic program.

Candidacy Examination
Students will be required to pass an oral and written candidacy examination after coursework is completed before beginning their dissertation. Prior to taking the candidacy examination, the student must demonstrate his or her ability to conduct independent research related to the field of exercise physiology. This may be in the form of a completed thesis, an independent study project or an article published in an acceptable research journal. The acceptability of such evidence is to be determined by faculty advising students in exercise physiology.