

## **Policy for Students with Degrees Seeking Initial Licensure for Teaching in Arkansas**

### **KINS P-12 Physical Education, Wellness and Leisure**

Students who hold college degrees and desire to pursue licensure for teaching in Arkansas in Physical Education, Wellness or Leisure will fall under one of the two categories:

1. Students with a Bachelor's degree in an area other than physical education will have to meet all of the current requirements for the KINSBS P-12 program of study just as any student without a degree.
2. Students with a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education from another institution or those students who completed successfully the U of A physical education K-12 program and are seeking Licensure in Physical Education, Wellness and Leisure may have their transcript reviewed by the HKRD Departmental Faculty for consideration if they have met the following criteria: \*

- Degree in physical education
- 2.5 or greater cumulative grade point average
- Passed all parts of the Praxis I

\*Students that meet the above criteria under #2 will provide that information (official transcript and copy of Praxis I passing scores) to:

Ms. Kathy Malstrom  
Coordinator of Teacher Education  
[kkmalst@uark.edu](mailto:kkmalst@uark.edu)

Ms. Malstrom will confirm the information and **only if it meets the criteria** will forward it to the HKRD faculty:

Ms. Susan W. Mayes  
Coordinator of Undergraduate Studies, HKRD  
[smayes@uark.edu](mailto:smayes@uark.edu)

The transcript will be reviewed and the student may be assessed additional undergraduate hours before being allowed to enroll in PHED 3001 Teaching Practicum. Minimally it will take two semesters, one for the Teaching Practicum PHED 3001 and one for the Senior Block (which includes internship).

Students who do not meet criteria will not be considered for a licensure only program in P-12 Physical Education, Wellness and Leisure from the University of Arkansas and will be encouraged to look into Non-Traditional Licensure through the State Department of Education.