

Western Michigan University
Department of Health, Physical Education, & Recreation (HPER)

Health Education Teacher (HET) Endorsement Option

Already certified teachers have the option to obtain an additional K-12 or 6-12 endorsement in the area of health education (Health Education Teacher: PRHS). Teachers who initially obtained an elementary (K-12) endorsement from the Michigan Department of Education must successfully complete the 39-hour HET major to be certified to teach health in grades K-12. Teachers who initially obtained a secondary (6-12) endorsement must successfully complete a minimum of 20 hours in the HET minor program. Licensure requires that the candidate complete the appropriate program **and** pass the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) # 43.

Program Requirements may be viewed at the following URLs:

K-12 HET major: <http://www.wmich.edu/coe/admissions/guides/HPER/HETMAJOR.pdf>

6-12 HET minor: http://www.wmich.edu/coe/admissions/guides/HPER/HET_MINOR.pdf

Process

Teachers who have a Bachelor's degree from a 4-year accredited institution and currently hold teaching endorsements should follow the following process:

- Go online [<http://www.wmich.edu/coe/admissions/teachingcert.htm>] or contact the Office of Admissions (269-387-2000) for an application for Post-Baccalaureate Initial Teacher Certification.
- Complete the application and send all official transcripts from previously attended institutions to Admissions, Seibert Administration Building.
<http://www.wmich.edu/admissions/undergradapp/undergradappl.pdf>
- A transmittal form from the Office of Admissions will be sent to the College of Education Office of Admissions and Advising, where it will be determined whether the coursework for Initial Teacher Certification will also lead to a second Bachelors degree. These will be reviewed by the Health Education Teacher (HET) faculty in the HPER Department and returned to the Office of Teacher Certification.
- Once transcripts are reviewed, HET faculty will send a copy of the candidate's plan of study to the College of Education Office of Teacher Certification.

Notes

- **This process may take 3-4 weeks.**
- Candidate must pass the "Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) # 43" for licensure. (<http://www.mttc.nesinc.com>)
- After completion of process, candidates who complete the appropriate endorsement program **MUST** file an application (including official transcripts of all course work used for certification) with the certification officer.
- Courses previously taken from other institutions will be considered during the past **7 years**.
- Courses for this endorsement may also be taken from other institutions and transferred to this program pending review by HET faculty.
- All methods courses (HPER 3120, 3520, 3540, and 4120) **must** be taken from Western Michigan University.
- **Please review all information about the HPER Department and these programs at <http://catalog.wmich.edu/content.php?catoid=9&navoid=229>**