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Mission

The Department of Biobehavioral Sciences offers programs that focus on the application of the biological, physiological, behavioral, and sociocultural sciences underlying human communication, movement, and their disorders to clinical, educational, and community settings. An understanding of the normal and abnormal biobehavioral processes is applied to clinical practice. The scientific knowledge obtained from studying each of these specialized fields is used to enhance the educational, adaptive, and communicative capabilities of individuals with normal and impaired abilities across the lifespan.

Graduates of our master’s programs assume professional roles in educational, health-related, and community agency settings as speech-language pathologists, exercise physiologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and research coordinators. As these professionals often work in interdisciplinary teams, the department facilitates opportunities for students to interact across professional boundaries.

Our doctoral graduates are prepared for university faculty positions and administrative positions in clinical, educational, and organizational field-based settings. They may also pursue careers in research.

The department maintains clinics and laboratories to support the teaching and research components of the programs. These facilities include the Edward D. Mysak Speech and Hearing Center, as well as laboratories in applied physiology, motor learning, kinematics, language and cognition, and adaptive communication technologies.

The master’s degree program in Communication Sciences and Disorders is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Department of Biobehavioral Sciences

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Program Description
The master's program in Communication Sciences and Disorders is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

The program in Communication Sciences and Disorders offers advanced education and training in the processes of individual human communication (speech, hearing, language disorders of human communication and swallowing). Coursework and clinical training of assessment and treatment for such disorders is a major component of the program.

Emphases and interests of the program are reflected in the work of the faculty. Dr. Cate Crowley’s work concentrates on culturally and linguistically appropriate disability evaluations; cleft palate speech and feeding assessment and treatment; appropriate and effective international practice. Dr. Lisa Edmonds’ research involves the development and evaluation of novel treatments to improve communication in persons with acquired communication disorders, with a focus on aphasia, including bilingual aphasia; the development of outcome measures for aphasia, particularly in discourse; the investigation of underlying factors related to language disorders, including the use of eye tracking methodology. Dr Carol Hammer’s research focuses on investigating cultural and environmental influences on young children’s development; developing assessment instruments that target dual language learners’ language and literacy skills; and developing and evaluating home-and classroom-based interventions. Dr. Erika Levy’s research interests include treatment efficacy for intelligibility in children with dysarthria due to cerebral palsy and in adults with Parkinson’s Disease. Dysarthria speech characteristics and treatment outcomes are examined in English, French, Spanish, and Mandarin. In addition, her lab examines cross-language speech perception. Dr. Michelle Troche’s research is aimed at improving health outcomes and quality of life associated with disorders of airway protection (i.e. swallowing and cough); better understanding of the mechanisms underlying airway protection and its disorders; development of novel and robust evaluation and treatment techniques for dystussia (deficits of cough function) and dysphagia (deficits of swallowing function).

Programs leading to the M.S. degree in Communications Sciences and Disorders prepare graduates for positions in a variety of professional settings: school systems, community speech and hearing centers, rehabilitation centers, hospital clinics, private practice, state departments of education, health departments, federal agencies, and colleges and universities.

Because of the program’s central concern with the processes of individual human communication, swallowing and their disorders and management, it has special interests in, and relations with, the fields of psychology, linguistics, bilingualism, anatomy and physiology, special education, and various health related professions including medicine, dentistry, physical therapy, occupational therapy, dental hygiene, nursing, and hospital administration.
Degree Summary

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS (CSDR)
Master of Science (M.S.), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS-INITIAL CERTIFICATION (CSDR-INIT)
Master of Science (M.S.)

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS BILINGUAL OPTION-DUAL CERTIFICATION (CSDB-DUAL)
Master of Science (M.S.)

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS-PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION (CSDR-PROF)
Master of Science (M.S.)

BILINGUAL EXTENSION INSTITUTE (SPTB) CERTIFICATION

For a complete listing of degree requirements, please continue on to this program’s "Degrees" section in this document.
Degree Requirements

Master of Science

Master of Science

This degree program incorporates academic and clinical practicum requirements for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association’s Certification of Clinical Competence (ASHA CCC-SLP) as well as departmental and college requirements. Students who complete the degree program are also eligible for New York State licensing in speech and language pathology. Students may also elect to apply for the New York State Education Department (NYSED) Teacher of Students with Speech and Language Disabilities Certificate (TSSLD) and the NYSED bilingual certificate to the TSSLD. New York State Education Department (NYSED) has teacher certification requirements that are needed for program completion and graduation which are listed in the Office of Teacher Education section of the catalog.

The minimum number of points for completion of the Program in Communication Sciences and Disorders is approximately 57, including practicum courses. Students who have no previous applicable coursework in the field typically require 71 points to complete the requirements for graduation.

Students admitted to the program with undergraduate majors in speech and language pathology or with substantial prior coursework can expect to complete the program within two calendar years (four semesters and one summer session) of full-time study. Students admitted with little or no prior coursework in communication sciences and disorders can expect to complete the program in two and one-half calendar years of full-time study.

Additional information about required coursework and clinical experiences can be found in our Program Student Handbook.

Bilingual-Multicultural Program Focus

The Bilingual-Bicultural Program Focus is for students who wish to develop expertise in working with culturally and linguistically diverse children and adolescents with communication disorders. Following the Bilingual-Multicultural Program Focus will satisfy the coursework and field placement requirements for the bilingual extension to the New York State TSSLD. Under New York State Education Department regulations, the bilingual extension certificate is required to provide speech and language intervention for bilingual children and adolescents ages 3 through 21. This includes working in a school system in New York State as well as providing bilingual therapy in a private practice where funding comes from the New York City Department of Education.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D., 75 points)

This program is designed for individuals primarily interested in research and teaching careers in speech and language pathology. A minimum of 75 points must be completed, though 30 points may potentially be transferred from a Master’s program. There is no language requirement. All doctoral candidates must complete a dissertation. For general details concerning the doctoral programs, please consult the Office of Doctoral Studies website. For more information about our doctoral program, please go to our program web site.
Application Information

Students who have a degree in communication sciences and disorders/speech-language pathology are encouraged to apply to our Masters program. In addition, students from diverse academic and experience backgrounds are encouraged to apply, as we routinely accept many students into the program who do not have formal degrees in communication sciences and disorders. For more information on our Application Process, please see our FAQ page. In addition, see information from the Admissions office about our program: http://www.tc.columbia.edu/admissions/areas-of-study/health-sciences-and-health-promotion/ and click on "View and Print Program Details" to see further information.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D)

Doctoral candidates in our program typically have a masters’ degree in communication sciences and disorders. However, students with a master’s degree in a related field will be considered for admission. In addition to the regular admission requirements, doctoral applicants must also submit:

All Doctoral Applicants

Doctoral applicants are strongly urged to discuss their plans with one of the department’s faculty before completing the application process, since acceptance is attached to joining a particular research lab. See our doctoral website for application details.

Faculty List

Faculty

CATHERINE J CROWLEY  
Professor of Practice

ERIKA SHIELD LEVY  
Associate Professor in Communication Sciences and Disorders

LISA A EDMONDS  
Associate Professor in Communication Sciences and Disorders

MICHELLE SHEVON TROCHE  
Assistant Professor in Communication Sciences and Disorders

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Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders

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Adjunct Associate Professor of Speech Language Pathology

Instructors

BERNADINE RAE GAGNON  
Chief Clinical Supervisor

ELISE M WAGNER  
Assistant Director of Clinic

LINDSAY RACHEL MILGRAM  
Clinical Supervisor - Speech Language Pathology
Course List

**BBS 6042 Grant Writing: From a Fundable Idea Through Review**
This course targets grant fundamentals from the beginning of the writing process through the review process. Focus is placed on funding mechanisms available through the National Institutes of Health, Institute of Education Sciences and National Science Foundation as well as private foundations. The course covers writing key areas of research proposals; developing biosketches, budgets and supplemental materials; and the review and resubmission process.

**BBSQ 4030 Speech science**
Pre-requisites: No prerequisites, but knowledge of speech articulation and the International Phonetic Alphabet is helpful. This course examines the production, transmission, and perception of speech and discusses applications to communication disorders and to second-language speech communication.

**BBSQ 4031 Anatomy and physiology for speech, language, and hearing**
This course teaches the basic structures and functions of the articulatory, vocal, respiratory, and nervous systems and applies this information to the field of speech-language pathology and audiology.

**BBSQ 4042 Audiology**
This course covers acoustics, anatomy, and physiology of the auditory system, pure tone and speech audiometry, types and communication effects of hearing loss, amplification, and immitance.

**BBSQ 4046 Introduction to augmentative and alternative communication**
This introductory course will provide a comprehensive overview of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC). A thorough examination of the assessment and therapeutic processes will be presented. Emphasis will be placed upon individuals exhibiting severe communication disorders secondary to congenital/acquired cognitive and motor impairments. Low- and high-tech AAC systems will be discussed and demonstrated.

**BBSQ 4047 Early motor behaviors in children: Normal and abnormal**
Study of normal and abnormal development of sensory-motor speech processes and related oral motor behaviors; etiology, diagnosis, and management of pre-speech and eating pathologies in infants and severely handicapped individuals from an early intervention perspective.

**BBSQ 5003 Literacy Development and Disorders: Assessment and Intervention**
The course prepares students who are studying to become speech-language pathologists to support the literacy abilities of children who are at risk for or have reading disorders. The course covers key areas in the development, assessment, and intervention of children’s reading abilities. Topics covered include emergent literacy, book reading, vocabulary, phonological sensitivity, reading comprehension, fluency, and decoding in monolingual and bilingual children.

**BBSQ 5041 School speech-language-hearing programs**
Analyzes the impact of federal and state laws on service delivery in school setting. Develops skills to meet the needs of students with communication-disorders with the full range of disabilities, including working with other professionals to assist children in accessing the general curriculum.

**BBSQ 5044 Speech and language perception and processing**
*CSD Majors take this course for 2 points only.* Examination of the models proposed to explain speech perception and discussion of the research that assigns a special role to speech and language.

**BBSQ 5111 Assessment and evaluation**
*Prerequisites: A course in normal language development and a course in Language Disorders in Children.* Examines how to provide evidence-based and culturally and linguistically appropriate disability evaluations with a focus on birth through 21 disability evaluations under the federal law.
Students acquire knowledge and skills in standardized tests, alternative assessment approaches, and dynamic assessment, covering the full range of disabilities.

**BBSQ 5112 Articulation disorders**  
*Prerequisite: Phonetics course.*


**BBSQ 5113 Voice disorders**  
*Prerequisite: BBSQ 4031 or equivalent.* Study of voice disorders associated with functional, structural, endocrinological, and neurological problems. Analysis of recent research and evidence-based approaches to voice therapy.

**BBSQ 5114 Stuttering and other fluency disorders**

This course examines the nature of stuttering and other fluency disorders across the lifespan. Emphasis is placed on assessment, intervention, and prevention.

**BBSQ 5115 Language disorders in children**  
*Prerequisite: A course in normal language development.* Language disorders in children, including native English speakers and children from culturally and linguistically diverse homes, covering the full range of disabilities. Course covers birth through late adolescence and includes impact of language disorders on language acquisition, literacy development, and uses of technology.

**BBSQ 5116 Language disorders in adults**  
*Prerequisite: BBS 4032 Neuroscience or equivalent.* Theoretical and practical approaches to understanding the etiology, assessment, classification, and treatment of aphasia and other communication disorders in adulthood.

**BBSQ 5118 Cleft palate and speech habilitation**

Explores the role of the speech-language pathologist on the cleft palate team and in international practice. Develops knowledge and skills needed by the SLP to address communication and feeding issues associated with cleft palate and other craniofacial disorders.

**BBSQ 5119 Alaryngeal speech**


**BBSQ 5120 Communication disorders in bilingual/bicultural children**

Studies effect of bilingualism, bilingual education, sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics and multicultural perspectives in education on children and adolescents. Considers appropriate assessment and treatment to ensure optimal academic success for dual language learners and multidialectal students by providing culturally and linguistically appropriate services, covering the full range of disabilities.

**BBSQ 5125 Clinical approaches to aural habilitation of children**  
*Prerequisite: BBSQ 4042 Audiology or equivalent.* This class examines clinical procedures available to audiologists, speech pathologists, and deaf educators for implementing speech-reading, auditory training, and speech-language therapy for the hard-of-hearing child. Use of amplification and counseling approaches.

**BBSQ 5129 Audiological concepts and principles**  
*Prerequisite: BBSQ 4042 Audiology or equivalent.* This course covers auditory pathologies, electrophysiological (ABR), and electroacoustical (OAE) tests. Tests of central auditory function, controversial issues in audition.

**BBSQ 5130 Assessment and intervention in dysphagia**
Prerequisite: BBSQ 4031 or equivalent, previous course addressing neurological bases of communication/upper airway dysfunction. This class examines clinical practice in swallowing and feeding disorders in children and adults. Normal and abnormal development and mature function assessment and treatment.

**BBSQ 5210 Practicum in school speech-language pathology**
Assessment and Intervention planning and implementation for school age clients across the full range of disabilities. Practice in speech and language pathology at related field facilities. Majors enroll until practicum requirements for the M.S. degree are completed.

**BBSQ 5212 Practicum in school speech-language pathology (Summer)**
Participation and student teaching in a school remedial speech and hearing program: survey, organization, remedial procedures. Special fee: $150.

**BBSQ 5312 Diagnostic methods and practice in speech-language pathology**
Prerequisite: BBSQ 5111 Assessment and evaluation. Assessment planning and implementation for clients across the full range of disabilities and across the lifespan. Methods of assessing native English speakers and culturally and linguistically diverse clients.

**BBSQ 5312 Therapy Practicum**
This course is designed to present specialized knowledge relevant to the understanding of speech communication. Through text, lecture, and a variety of multi-media sources, students will be introduced to the theoretic basis of how speech sounds are produced and perceived in human languages. In addition, this course will assist students in developing the clinical ability to discriminate the sounds used in Standard American English and how these sounds are represented symbolically according to the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA).

**BBSQ 5332 Therapy Practicum: Regular clinic**
Assessment and intervention planning and implementation for clients across the full range of disabilities and across the lifespan. Observation and practice in speech and language pathology at the Edward D. Mysak Clinic for Communication Disorders and at related field facilities. Majors enroll until practicum requirements for the M.S. degree are completed.

**BBSQ 5333 Therapy Practicum: Laboratory methods and instrumentation in clinical practice**
Instruction and practice in acoustic and physiologic measures related to voice, articulation, and fluency disorders. Majors must enroll for one term. Special fee: $150.

**BBSQ 5335 Therapy Practicum: Infant evaluation clinic**
Observation and participation in the evaluation of pre-speech and feeding behaviors in at-risk infants and in the development of individualized management programs. Special fee: $150.

**BBSQ 5336 Therapy Practicum: Stuttering clinic**
Prerequisite: BBSQ 5114 Stuttering or equivalent. Observation and discussion of assessment, remediation, and prevention of fluency disorders. Special fee $150.

**BBSQ 5343 Hearing measurement**
Practice in hearing screening, audiological evaluation, and aural rehabilitation issues across the lifespan. Special fee: $150.

**BBSQ 5815 Pediatric dysphagia, birth to 21**
The course will cover dysphagia across pediatric ages, birth to 21, and as it is evaluated and treated in four pediatric settings--the neonatal intensive care unit, early intervention, pre-schools, and schools. This course cannot be used as a replacement for the program requirement, BBSQ 5130, Dysphagia Assessment and Management. It is a good elective for students interested in pediatrics, those who will be working in school settings, and those interested particularly in dysphagia.

**BBSQ 5820 Bilingual SLP Extension Institute**
The Bilingual SLP Extension Institute is for non-matriculated students who are speech-language-pathologists or holders of the NYSED Teachers of Speech and Language Disabilities (TSSLD) or the Teachers of Speech and Hearing Handicapped (TSHH). It is comprised of two 3-credit courses that meet the academic and clinical requirements of the NYSED bilingual extension certificate. All students receive an "Advanced Certificate in Bilingual Speech-Language Pathology." Students acquire the knowledge and skills to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services for all students with a focus on dual language learners. The institute is available both online and in-person.

**BBSQ 5940 Evaluating research in speech-language pathology and audiology**
Evaluation of research methods and the interpretation of research leading to evidence-based practice approaches.

**BBSQ 5941 Research needs and methods in speech-language pathology and audiology**
Rotation in lab conducting complementary research, to result in a product (manuscript, measure, presentation). Taught by core doctoral faculty.

**BBSQ 6351 Advanced practice: Clinical**
Doctoral students are required to register in four sections during their period of candidacy. Observation of faculty during therapy, diagnosis, supervisory, teaching, or research activities and participation in such activities.

**BBSQ 6352 Advanced practice: Supervision**
Doctoral students are required to register in four sections during their period of candidacy. Observation of faculty during therapy, diagnosis, supervisory, teaching, or research activities and participation in such activities.

**BBSQ 6353 Advanced practice: Teaching**
This course covers the teaching requirement for doctoral students. For this requirement, doctoral students take full or partial responsibility for teaching a course at Teachers College or elsewhere. They design or redesign the class syllabus and assignments and develop and teach at least half of the class sessions under the guidance of a faculty member.

**BBSQ 6354 Advanced practice: Laboratory**
Doctoral students are required to register in four sections during their period of candidacy. Observation of faculty during therapy, diagnosis, supervisory, teaching, or research activities and participation in such activities.

**BBSQ 6355 Advanced practice: Administration**
Doctoral students are required to register in four sections during their period of candidacy. Observation of faculty during therapy, diagnosis, supervisory, teaching, or research activities and participation in such activities.

**BBSQ 6514 Language: Brain, biology and language acquisition**
For doctoral candidates and advanced master's degree students in speech-language pathology. Doctoral candidates are required to enroll in at least three sections of seminars in the BBSQ 6513-6517 series. Seminars involve intensive study and analysis of current research and issues in the particular topics.

**BBSQ 6516 Seminar on Fluency and its disorders**
For doctoral candidates and advanced master's degree students in speech-language pathology. Doctoral candidates are required to enroll in at least three sections of seminars in the BBSQ 6513-6517 series. Seminars involve intensive study and analysis of current research and issues in the particular topics.

**BBSQ 6517 Neuropathology of speech**
Prerequisite: BBSQ 4031 or equivalent, BBSQ 4030 or equivalent, and previous course addressing neurological bases of speech. The purpose of this course is to provide a detailed study of acquired and progressive disorders of the motor speech system. We will explore motor speech disorders from neurological, theoretical and clinical perspectives. For doctoral students, the course will also address the development of their dissertation study (literature review, research questions, design). Doctoral students must ask for permission from instructor to be in the course.

**BBSQ 6940 Supervised research in speech-language pathology and audiology**  
*Prerequisite: BBSQ 5941 Research methods.* Doctoral candidates are required to enroll in their advisor’s section for both semesters. Opportunity to design and conduct pilot studies and projects.

**BBSQ 6941 Supervised research in speech-language pathology and audiology**  
*Prerequisite: BBSQ 5941 Research methods.* Doctoral candidates are required to enroll in their advisor’s section for both semesters. Opportunity to design and conduct pilot studies and projects.

**BBSQ 7500 Dissertation seminar in speech-language pathology and audiology**  
*Prerequisite BBSQ 6941 Supervised research.* Development of doctoral dissertations and projects and presentation of plans for approval. Doctoral candidates are required to enroll for one year and must begin the sequence in the fall term immediately following completion of BBSQ 6941.

**BBSQ 8900 Dissertation-advisement in speech-language pathology and audiology**  
Prerequisite: BBSQ 7500 Dissertation seminar. Individual advisement on doctoral dissertations. Fee to equal 3 points at current tuition rate for each term. For requirements, see section in catalog on Continuous Registration for Ed.D./Ph.D. degrees.
Curriculum and Teaching in Physical Education
Department of - Biobehavioral Sciences

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Program Description

Curriculum and Teaching in Physical Education (PECT)
Master of Arts (M.A.)
Master of Education (Ed.M.)
Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)

Degree Summary

For a complete listing of degree requirements, please continue on to this program's "Degrees" section in this document
Degree Requirements

Master of Arts (M.A., 32-point)

The specific career goals of the student are used in planning the graduate program. Programs include one or more of the following features:

Field-Based Experiences

The theoretical study of curriculum and teaching concepts is integrated with field-based applications of those concepts. Part of the student’s graduate study experience takes place in elementary, secondary, or college physical education settings. Students who are concurrently employed as physical education teachers use their own schools as field sites; other students are assigned to selected field sites.

Program Design and Development

Students critically examine an array of traditional and innovative physical education program designs, and then formulate their own conception of curriculum. Program evaluation techniques are studied and then used to conduct field evaluations of ongoing programs. Students learn systematic techniques for program development and use them to plan programs for field settings.

Teaching: Performance and Analysis

Students critically evaluate existing theories and models of teaching, and devise their own concepts of teaching. A spectrum of analytic techniques is used to analyze videotaped and live samples of interactive teaching.

Study and Application of Concepts of Human Movement and Health

Students study theory and research in the applied sciences of anatomy, movement analysis, exercise physiology, health, nutrition, motor learning, and their applications to program designs and teaching strategies.

Culminating Experience

Students in the M.A. and Ed.M. programs are required to complete a culminating experience that integrates material from their course- work. This experience can be field-based, theoretical, or a research project related to physical education. The student and his or her advisor will discuss and design an individual experience that helps meet the goals of the student’s program.

Master of Education (Ed.M., 60-point)

The specific career goals of the student are used in planning the graduate program. Programs include one or more of the following features:

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Doctor of Education (Ed.D., 90-point)

The specific career goals of the student are used in planning the graduate program. Programs include one or more of the following features:

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Research Competence (for Ed.D. students)
All doctoral students develop proficiency in research and complete a dissertation under the advisement of a faculty sponsor. With their career goals in mind, students design their programs to include coursework that focuses on research methods and the results of research in physical education, and participate in research experiences to demonstrate competence and successfully complete the dissertation.

All doctoral students participate in an intensive seminar that reviews research in physical education and also attend a continuous research semester during most semesters of their enrollment in the program. Students must satisfactorily complete all parts of the program certification exam and a literature review to be certified and officially begin the dissertation process.

During the dissertation process, students work closely with an advisor and complete pilot studies to enhance their research skills. Students who are planning on academic careers that will include conducting research may participate in faculty research projects throughout their program to further enhance their research preparation.
Faculty List

Faculty

LAURA AZZARITO  
Associate Professor of Physical Education

JOSEPH T CICCOLO  
Assistant Professor of Applied Physiology

CAROL EWING GABRER  
Professor of Movement Sciences

ANDREW MICHAEL GORDON  
Professor of Movement Sciences

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Professor of Education

Adjunct

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RICHARD MAGILL  
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JEFFREY SCOTT MELENDREZ  
Adjunct Assistant Professor

TERRY R KAMINSKI  
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Movement Sciences

JENNIFER F. RASMUSSEN  
Adjunct Assistant Professor in Physical Education

Instructors

MICHAEL ANTHONY SOUPIOS  
Instructor
Course List

**BBS 5060 Neuromuscular responses and adaptation to exercise**
A review of the physiology of muscle contraction in addition to in-depth discussion of topics related
to the field which include: the relationship between muscle activation and respiration during exercise,
muscle fatigue, eccentric versus concentric contractions and adaptation to strength training.

**BBS 5068 Brain and behavior I: Communication in the nervous system**
An introduction to communication within the nervous system and functional brain neuroanatomy.
Examination of chemical circuits in the brain and associated pathologies, such as Parkinson’s disease,
Tourettes, schizophrenia, depression, and anxiety.

**BBS 5069 Brain and behavior II: Perception, emotion, memory and cognition**
An introduction to brain processes associated with perception, emotion, memory and cognition.
Consequences of damage to these neurobehavioral processes are examined through reading and
discussion of clinical case studies.

**BBSR 4005 Applied anatomy and biomechanics**
Topics include: gross anatomy and function of human skeletal and muscular systems, mechanics of human movement, and analysis of skills in dance and physical education. Designed primarily for students without a prior course in anatomy or biomechanics. Students will be expected to participate in a laboratory offered immediately preceding the scheduled class time. Lab fee: $50.

**BBSR 4050 Biomechanical analysis of human movement**
Permission required. Covers the principles and techniques required to analyze human movement, which can be used to develop practical research questions. Quantitative and qualitative techniques for analysis of movement are discussed in relation to the study of learning, motor control, motor development, and motor impairments. Lab fee: $50.

**BBSR 4060 Motor learning**
Study of factors relating to the acquisition and performance of motor skills. Includes review and analysis of appropriate research findings.

**BBSR 4070 Introduction to the psychosocial aspects of sport and exercise**
The purpose of this course is to provide the student with an in-depth and comprehensive understanding of the psychological and social processes in exercise, sport, and physical activity. The focus is on the key theoretical psychosocial principles that are well known to govern exercise and sport behavior, including the physical, affective, and cognitive aspects. The course explores theoretical, methodological, and applied approaches to a variety of topics including stress, cognition, mood, emotion, perceptions of the self, mental illness, exercise adherence, drug use and addiction, self-regulation and self-control, motivation, goal setting, arousal and performance, group dynamics, coaching, and burnout.

**BBSR 4090 Physical fitness, weight control, and relaxation**
Contributions of exercise to human well-being throughout life. Classroom, gymnasium, and laboratory experiences included. Designed for teachers, counselors, and others who desire an introduction to basic concepts of physical fitness.

**BBSR 4095 Applied physiology I**

**BBSR 4151 Laboratory methods in biomechanics**
Permission required. Enrollment limited. Prerequisite: BBSR 4050. Students develop technical skills in the application of biomechanics to the study of movement behavior including video-based data collection and computer-based kinematic analysis. Students design and conduct a pilot research study using biomechanical analysis of a functional movement. Special fee: $75.

**BBSR 4161 Motor learning laboratory**
An introduction to qualitative and quantitative analysis of movement and action during acquisition of functional skills. Corequisite: BBSR 4060.

**BBSR 4861 Workshop in motor learning and control**
Students carry out a case study of skill acquisition in a functional movement task and integrate qualitative and quantitative findings in a final essay, characterizing the learning process.

**BBSR 4900 Research and independent study in movement science and education**
Permission required. Master's degree students undertake research and independent study under the direction of a faculty member.

**BBSR 5028 Motor development across the lifespan**
Review and analysis of theoretical models and experimental research related to development and performance of motor skills throughout the lifespan.

**BBSR 5050 Neurophysiology of motor control and electromyography**
Review and analysis of theoretical models and experimental research related to development and performance of motor skills throughout the lifespan. Advanced topics dealing with the experimental and clinical use of electromyography. Topics will be integrated with the kinematics of movements being observed. A laboratory project using EMG will be required. Lab fee: $50.

**BBSR 5055 Bases of motor control systems**
Study of control processes subserving the coordination of movement.

**BBSR 5095 Exercise and health**
The role of exercise in diagnosis, prevention, and rehabilitation of health problems such as cardiovascular disease, pulmonary disease, diabetes, obesity, and stress. Scientific evidence from both epidemiological and applied practice perspectives are emphasized.

**BBSR 5151 Introduction to the analysis of biomechanical signals**
Introduction to MATLAB programming with a focus on variables, conditional statements, loops, data visualization, basic algorithm development, and Graphical User Interfaces (GUIs). Concepts and techniques used in the analysis of biomechanical/biological signals will be applied to kinematic/physiological data (e.g., electromyographic, kinetic, accelerometer, heart rate data, etc.) using MATLAB. Applications of MATLAB extend to the analysis of all types of quantitative data. Thus, students with data from other sources are welcome to use their own data for course assignments. Interactive lectures and weekly labs are intended for students across disciplines to develop the skills required to use MATLAB in their own research.

**BBSR 5194 Applied physiology laboratory II**
The discussion and practice of techniques for collection and analysis of physiologic data (strength testing, electromyography, computerized data acquisition). Lab fee: $100.

**BBSR 5195 Advanced applied physiology laboratory**
Prerequisite: BBSR 5194. Introduction of advanced physiologic measurement techniques and concepts. Included are indirect calorimetry, spectrophotometry, vascular volume dynamics, autonomic reflexes, thermoregulation, noninvasive cardiac output, computer data plethysmography, tonometry, acquisition, and post-acquisition analyses. Lab fee: $100.

**BBSR 5200 Fieldwork in movement science and education**
Permission required. For advanced students prepared to investigate problems.

**BBSR 5251 Fieldwork seminar in motor learning and motor control**
Applications of theory/research to therapeutic or educational practice for students in field-based settings.

**BBSR 5504 Research training in motor learning**
Permission required. A competency-based approach to the preparation of researchers in the areas of neuromotor control and perceptual-motor processes. Several learning experiences are offered each semester, involving lectures, laboratory practica, seminars and individual research advisement.

**BBSR 5582 Research design in movement science and education**
Basic concepts of research design and statistical analysis. Students learn to interpret articles and design projects.
BBSR 5595 Research seminar in applied physiology
M.A. students carrying out research-culminating projects enroll in this course near the end of their course of study to discuss and present their projects. Ed.M. and doctoral students enroll at least once in connection with each research project they complete.

BBSR 6201 Supervision of educational or clinical practice in the movement sciences
Permission required. Corequisite: Actual supervisory experience during that semester. For doctoral students in the movement sciences. Field-based experiences in the guidance of therapists or educators engaged in applying the movement sciences to clinical practice.

BBSR 6563 Neuromotor processes seminar
Offered in conjunction with review and analysis of research related to conference topic.

BBSR 6564 Advanced topics in neuromotor processes
Topic changes annually.

BBSR 6900 Supervised independent research in movement science and education
Permission required. For advanced students who wish to conduct research under faculty guidance.

BBSR 7500 Dissertation seminar in movement science and education
Permission required. Candidate develops proposal for doctoral dissertation in consultation with advisor. Seminar convenes only on days when candidates present proposals for approval.

BBSR 8900 Dissertation advisement in movement science and education
Individual advisement on doctoral dissertations. Fee to equal 3 points at current tuition rate for each term. For requirements, see section in catalog on Continuous Registration for Ed.D./Ph.D. degrees.
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Program Description

The Program of Movement Sciences and Education at Teachers College, Columbia University excels in graduate education and research in the sub-disciplines of Kinesiology, including Applied (Exercise) Physiology, Motor Learning and Control, Occupational Therapy and Physical Education. The program has a long tradition of excellence.

The Applied (Exercise) Physiology concentration focuses on the physiological effects of exercise and disease and on the promotion of physical activity. The effects of exercise training on physiological processes, behavioral health, and physical and mental well being are emphasized. Through a joint program with nutrition education, students can study Nutrition and Exercise Physiology through the Department of Health and Behavior Studies (Program in Nutrition). Students in Applied Physiology can supplement their work in applied exercise physiology with nutrition classes. Students can apply their academic work to improve health and physical fitness across both healthy and disabled populations. Doctoral students conduct related research in laboratory and health care facilities, and in field settings designed to promote physical activity and health.

Students in the Applied (Exercise) Physiology specialization have access to a variety of rich resources at Columbia University. Active collaborations exist between our faculty and faculty in the Columbia University School of Medicine, Mailman School of Public Health, and the New York Center for Obesity Research. Students are welcome to participate in these ongoing projects and attend any of the frequent seminars at the Columbia University Medical Center and the New York Center for Obesity Research.

The Applied (Exercise) Physiology concentration focuses on the study of the physiological effects of acute and chronic exercise, how exercise and physical activity influences health, and on the promotion of physical activity in community, clinical, and public health settings. The effects of physical activity and exercise training on physiological processes, neuromuscular and biomechanical function, health, and physical well-being are emphasized. Students can apply their academic work to jobs that involve exercise testing and training, including programs designed to improve health and physical fitness in healthy individuals and in people with or at risk for chronic illness or disability and in community, clinical, research, and public health settings.

Three degree programs are offered in Applied (Exercise) Physiology: Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Education (Ed.M.), and Doctor of Education (Ed.D.). In addition, students enrolled in the Doctor of Philosophy Program in Kinesiology may concentrate in Applied Physiology. A joint M.S. program in Nutrition and Exercise Physiology is offered through the Department of Health and Behavior Studies.

Motor Learning and Control study focuses on the behavioral, biomechanical, and neural bases of development, acquisition, and performance of functional movement skills. Acquisition of skill is examined over the lifespan in typically developing and impaired individuals. Movement analysis is used to elucidate the neuromotor control
processes underlying skilled performance in everyday functional behaviors, sport, and dance. The teacher or therapist’s role in facilitating skill learning and performance is emphasized.

**Health and physical education** has a long and distinguished history at Teachers College. Teachers College offered one of the first graduate degrees in health and physical education and continues to offer a wide array of opportunities for graduate study. In addition to courses in curriculum and teaching in physical education, there are a variety of other courses in the movement science, health studies, curriculum and teaching, physical culture, and other areas that provide students with many opportunities for course options. All programs are designed to allow flexibility in program planning.

Each of these specialties has five components:

1. Substantive study of theory and research as embodied in lecture and laboratory courses.
2. Development of clinical or educational skills in laboratory and fieldwork courses.
3. Research training to enable students to read and interpret original research and to carry out educational, clinical, or laboratory research.
4. Seminars to discuss theory and research, identification of research problems, and clinical/educational applications.
5. Elective courses to meet specific student needs which may be taken throughout the College and University in such areas as Anatomy, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Computer Science, Health Education, Higher and Adult Education, Neurosciences, Nutrition, Physiology, Psychology, Public Health, and Science Education. A list of recommended elective and related courses is available to students in the Movement Science office. At least two courses (for a total of at least 6 points) outside of the program area are required.

**Degree Summary**

**APPLIED PHYSIOLOGY**

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*Applied Physiology (APHY)*

- Master of Arts (M.A.)
- Master of Education (Ed.M.)
- Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)

*See also: The interdepartmental program in Applied Physiology and Nutrition in the Department of Health and Behavior Studies.*

**MOTOR LEARNING AND CONTROL**

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*Motor Learning and Control (MTLG)*

- Master of Arts (M.A.)
- Master of Education (Ed.M.)
- Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION / CURRICULUM AND TEACHING IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION**
Program Director: Professor Laura Azzarito

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Curriculum and Teaching in Physical Education (PECT)

- Master of Arts (M.A.)
- Master of Education (Ed.M.)
- Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)

Physical Education (PHED)

- Master of Arts (M.A.)

Physical Education-Initial Certification (PHED-INIT)

- Master of Arts (M.A.)

Physical Education-Professional Certification (PHED-PROF)

- Master of Arts (M.A.)

KINESIOLOGY

Program Coordinator: Professor Andrew Gordon

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Kinesiology (KINE)

- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

For a complete listing of degree requirements, please continue on to this program's "Degrees" section in this document
Degree Requirements

About the Master's Degree Programs

For the M.A. and Ed.M. programs with specialization in Movement Science and Education, students have two options. They may specialize in one of the three areas offered within Movement Science (Applied Physiology, Motor Learning and Control, Physical Education) or in consultation with an advisor, they may arrange a flexibly-designed program of study cutting across specialization in the movement sciences that will meet their professional needs and academic interests.

Master of Arts

The M.A. program emphasizes bridging between the movement sciences and clinical or education practice. The objective is to develop a comprehensive and coherent view of theory and research that can be applied to practice within the student’s professional field. The program requires 32 points of study and either a comprehensive examination or a capstone project. Students are expected to make satisfactory progress toward the completion of degree requirements. Program faculty will annually review each student’s progress. Please note that satisfactory performance is defined at a minimum as no Incomplete grades and no BBSR or BBS courses in which the grade earned is lower than B.

A final project is required for the M.A. and may involve one of four options, depending on the concentration:

1. A scholarly review of research and theory within a topical area drawing application to educational or clinical practice.
2. A basic or applied research.
3. An educational project including the development of an assessment instrument/method for clinical or educational practice or a presentation for a continuing education program.
4. An examination covering all core movement science courses, core specialization courses, research methods, and substantive study in movement sciences.

For initial advisement and approval of M.A. projects, students must consult with their academic advisor. The M.A. program can be completed in 12–18 months of full-time study or two to three years of part-time study (depending on the student’s other responsibilities).

Specific requirements for the Motor Learning and Control concentration include:

- BBS 5060 Neuromuscular responses and adaptation to exercise (2)
- BBS 5068 Brain and behavior I: Communication in the nervous system (1-2)
- BBSR 5582 Research design in the movement sciences (3)
- BBSR 4060 Motor learning (3)
- BBSR 4161 Motor learning laboratory (2, co-requisite BBSR 4060)
- BBSR 4050 Biomechanical analysis of human movement (3)

Substantive study: minimally 6 points in movement sciences (BBSR courses including offerings in physical education) beyond the above listed courses.

Laboratory courses: one course of minimally 2-3 points in movement sciences (BBSR course).

Seminars, tutorials or conferences: minimally 2-3 points in movement sciences (BBSR courses).
Electives: minimally one additional non-BBSR course outside the program in Movement Sciences and Education (course at Teachers College for at least 2 points) besides BBS 5060 and BBS 5068 for 2 points each.

Individual program: minimally 6 points in movement sciences (additional BBSR courses in substantive, laboratory, fieldwork, or seminar study) and/or related areas outside of the program (including graduate courses at Columbia University).

BBSR 5504. Research training in motor learning (2). Students will enroll in this competency-based course during their last year of study to immerse themselves in current research in motor learning and control, as well as to receive advisement for their final project. Note that if all coursework is complete but the student has not yet completed the final project, students must continue to enroll for 1 point (above and beyond the 32 points) each semester until the project is complete.

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**Masters of Arts: Applied Physiology**

**Degree Description**

The Applied Physiology concentration focuses on the study of physical activity behavior, physiological and psychological effects of acute and chronic exercise, how exercise influences physical and mental health, and on the promotion of physical activity in community, clinical, and public health settings. The effects of exercise training on psychological and physiological processes, neuromuscular and biomechanical function, health, and physical and mental well-being are emphasized. Students can apply their academic work to jobs that involve exercise testing and training, including programs designed to improve health and physical fitness in healthy individuals, in people with or at risk for chronic illness or disability, and in community, clinical, research, and public health settings. The program also may serve as a stepping-stone to professional schools and doctoral studies.

The Master of Arts (M.A.) program emphasizes bridging science and practice. The overarching objective of the program is to develop competence in practical skills and critical thinking skills that facilitate applying scientific knowledge to practice within the student’s professional field. The program can be individualized to span the movement sciences and includes at least three Teachers College courses (for at least 2 points each) in programs outside of the movement sciences (such as nutrition education, health education, and other programs).

The Master of Arts program in Applied Physiology requires a minimum of 32 points of graduate study and typically takes one year of full-time or two years of part time study. The M.A. program provides for advanced study in the movement sciences and for individually designed study to meet the student’s professional needs and interests. The following program description concentrates on describing course requirements. A minimum of 32 points of relevant graduate course-work is required for the degree, all of which must be completed at Teachers College. Students who wish to graduate in May should consider starting the program in the Summer semester.

Students are expected to make satisfactory progress toward the completion of degree requirements. Program faculty will annually review each student’s progress. Please note that satisfactory performance is defined at a minimum as no Incomplete grades and no BBSR or BBS courses in which the grade earned is lower than B.

M.A. students who wish to prepare for certifying examinations for exercise physiologists, clinical exercise physiologists, or strength and conditioning specialists, or other professional credentials should consult with an advisor concerning required coursework for eligibility for certification examinations.

The program includes
• Substantive study of applied physiology and movement sciences theory and research as embodied in lecture, tutorials, and special topics courses.
• Development of clinical or educational skills in laboratory and fieldwork courses.
• Research training to enable students to critically read and interpret original research and to carry out educational, clinical, or laboratory research.
• Seminars to discuss movement sciences-related research, identification of research problems, and clinical/educational applications.
• Electives courses to meet specific student needs which may be taken throughout the College.

Electives are taken with provision that the total program includes at least three Teachers College courses (for at least 2 points each) outside of the movement sciences. These may include areas such as health education, higher and adult education, neurosciences, nutrition, psychology, and science education. These courses may be taken pass/fail.

• A culminating Integrative Final Project or Comprehensive Examination is required for the M.A. and may involve the following. Students electing the Integrative Final Project are required to take BBSR 5595 for at least two semesters:
  (a) A scholarly review of research in applied physiology and movement sciences within a topical area drawing application to practice, OR
  (b) An applied research study and report in applied physiology and movement sciences, OR
  (c) An educational project including the development of an assessment instrument/method for clinical or educational practice or a presentation for a continuing education, health promotion or physical activity program, OR
  (d) A comprehensive examination covering all applied physiology core courses, research methods and substantive study in movement sciences.

Course Work Requirements

Specific requirements (and points) for the Masters of Arts in Applied Physiology include

Required Core Courses (minimum 15 points):

• BBSR 4095 Applied physiology I (3)
• BBSR 4195 Applied physiology laboratory I (3)
• BBSR 5194 Applied physiology laboratory II (3)
• BBS 5060 Neuromuscular responses and adaptation to exercise (2)*
• BBS 5068 Brain and Behavior I: Communication in the nervous system (1)* or BBSN 4003 Foundations of Neuroscience (3)
• BBSR 5582 Research Design in the Movement Sciences (3)
• *Please note that BBSR 5199 Special Issues in the Principles of Strength & Conditioning (3) may be substituted for BBS 5060 Neuromuscular responses and adaptations to exercise (2)

**Please note that foundational Neuroscience courses may be substituted for BBSR 5068 Brain and Behavior 1: (1) These include BBSN 4001 Foundations of Neuroscience 1 (3) and/or BBSN 4002 Foundations of Neuroscience II (3)

Substantive Study in Movement Sciences (minimum 6 points).

These may include the following:

• BBSR 4001 Qualitative Research Methods in Biobehavioral Sciences and Education (3)
• BBSR 4054 Anatomy and Physiology (3)
• BBSR 4005 Applied Anatomy and Biomechanics (3)
• BBSR 4050 Biomechanical Analysis of Human Movement (3)
• BBSR 4055 Neuromotor Processes (3)
• BBSR 4060 Motor Learning (3)
• BBSR 4070 Introduction to Psychosocial Aspects of Sports/Exercise (2-3)
BBSR 4090 Physical Fitness, Weight Control, and Relaxation (2-3)
BBSR 4900 Research and Independent Study in Movement Science and Education (1-3)
BBSR 5070 Movement Disorders (3)
BBSR 5200 Fieldwork in Movement Sciences and Education (1-3)
BBSR 5028 Motor Development (2-3)
BBSR 5050 Neurophysiology of Motor Control and Electromyography (3)
BBSR 5055 Bases of Motor Control (3)
BBSR 5057 Movement Disorders (3)
BBSR 5095 Exercise and Health (3)
BBSR 5096 Advanced Exercise and Physical Activity Prescription (3)
BBSR 5101 Scientific Basis of Exercise and Weight Management (3)
BBSR 5151 Introduction to Programming for Signal Analysis of Behavioral Signals
BBSR 5594 Applied Physiology II (3)
BBSR 5195 Advanced Applied Physiology Laboratory (3)
BBSR 5595 Research Seminar in Applied Physiology (1)

Breadth Courses outside of Movement Sciences/ Biobehavioral Sciences (a minimum of 3 courses or 2 or more points).

Breadth Elective Courses must be taken in any program or department at Teachers College [i.e., any program except Movement Sciences (BBSR)]. Please see the academic schedule and academic catalog for a full list of available courses. Popular breadth elective courses for students in Applied Physiology have included courses in Health Education(HBSS), Nutrition (HBSV), Diabetes Education (HBSD), Neuroscience and Education (BBSN), and Statistics (HUDM). Please note that courses taken at Columbia schools outside of Teachers College cannot count toward the breadth elective requirement. It is recommended that you discuss your electives with your advisor or program faculty for assistance in selecting courses that may contribute toward your educational and career goals. Courses outside of Movement Sciences (BBSR) that you use to fulfill core degree requirements and/or research methods requirements can also count toward the breadth requirement.

Research Seminar (minimum 2 points required for those choosing the Final Integrative Project Option)

Registration and attendance at research seminar is required for all who choose the Integrative Final Project option. Students should expect to register in seminar during all semesters when working on integrative project with at least two semesters required for a minimum of 2 points

- BBSR 5595 Research Seminar in Applied Physiology (1)

Recommended Background Courses for Students Entering Without Prior Study in Kinesiology, Movement, or Exercise Sciences.

It is recommended that students who come in without prior formal study in Kinesiology, Movement, or Exercise Sciences take one or more of the following courses in addition to the program requirements outlined above. Some of these courses can be taken in the summer so a Spring or Summer start in the program is strongly suggested. In addition, taking a course in human anatomy and physiology prior to entering the program is highly recommended whenever possible. Students should consult with their program advisor about the advisability of taking these additional courses.

- BBSR 4054 Anatomy and Physiology (3)
- BBSR 4005 Applied Anatomy and Biomechanics (3)
- BBSR 4060 Motor Learning (3)
- BBSR 4070 Introduction to Psychosocial Aspects of Sports/Exercise (2-3)
- BBSR 4090 Physical Fitness, Weight Control, and Relaxation (2-3)
Master of Education

The Applied Physiology concentration focuses on the study of physical activity behavior, physiological and psychological effects of acute and chronic exercise, how exercise influences physical and mental health, and on the promotion of physical activity in community, clinical and public health settings. The effects of exercise training on psychological and physiological processes, neuromuscular and biomechanical function, health, and physical and mental well-being are emphasized. Students can apply their academic work to jobs that involve exercise testing and training, including programs designed to improve health and physical fitness in healthy individuals and in people with or at risk for chronic illness or disability and in community, clinical, research, and public health settings. The program also may serve as a stepping-stone to professional schools and doctoral studies.

The Ed.M. program provides for advanced study in the movement sciences and for individually designed study to meet the student’s professional needs and interests. The following program description concentrates on describing course requirements. It is important to recognize that these are only the more formal and identifiable features of the program. A minimum of 60 points of relevant graduate coursework is required for the degree, 30 points of which must be completed at Teachers College. Transfer credit from another university is awarded at the discretion of the faculty advisor. A maximum of 30 points completed outside of Teachers College may be transferred. All coursework taken in fulfillment of the Ed.M. degree requirements may subsequently be applied towards more advanced degrees (Ed.D., Ph.D.). Students can focus on: (a) preparation as a “scholar of practice” who is able to translate research and theory into appropriate clinical or educational strategies; (b) preparation as a clinical instructor, clinical or educational supervisor, or applied investigator; or (c) preparation for study towards the doctoral degree.

Students are expected to make satisfactory progress toward the completion of degree requirements. Program faculty will annually review each student’s progress. Please note that satisfactory performance is defined at a minimum as no incomplete grades, and no required core courses in which the grade earned is lower than a B. For Ed.M. students satisfactory progress in research/ special project work is also expected.

All Ed.M. students must complete a final, culminating project involving either: (a) an applied research study, which can focus on clinical or educational issues, or (b) a laboratory research study. Students intending to continue study towards the doctoral degree should arrange their Ed.M. program to include core courses required for doctoral specialization in Applied Physiology or in Motor Learning and Control.

For the Master of Education program, specific requirements for courses, or equivalents transferred from prior graduate study, include concentration-specific core course requirements for the M.A. degree, at least 6 points in research methods and statistics, substantive study in movement sciences (minimum of three courses of at least 2 points), research seminars or tutorials, and elective courses. To meet the out-of-program requirement for graduation, students must have a total of three courses (for at least 2 points each) outside of the Movement Sciences Program. Students can meet the breadth requirement through electives or core course requirements, so long as the courses taken to meet those requirements fall outside the program.

Research training students will enroll in either research training in research seminar in applied physiology (BBSR 5595) for a minimum of 2 points. Students should expect to register in seminar during all semesters when working on degree. Note that if all coursework is complete but the student has not completed the final project, students must continue to enroll for 1 point (above and beyond the 60 points) each semester until the project is complete.

Master of Education: Applied Physiology

Degree Description
The Master of Education program provides for advanced study in the movement sciences and for individually designed study to meet the student’s professional needs and interests. This program is particularly recommended for students planning on future professional or doctoral study and research careers and those planning to teach at the community college level.

In the Ed.M. program, students can focus on:

- Preparation as a “scholar of practice,” able to translate research and theory into appropriate clinical or educational strategies;
- Preparation as a clinical instructor, clinical or educational supervisor, or research assistant/associate
- Preparation for study towards the doctoral degree (e.g., Ph.D., Ed.D., D.Ph., or M.D.)

**Degree Requirements**

The program requires at least 60 points of graduate study (see specific requirements below) and takes about two years of full-time study or three to four years of part-time study to complete. Students intending to continue study towards the doctoral degree should arrange their Ed.M. program to include core courses required for doctoral specialization.

- Substantive study of applied physiology and movement sciences theory and research as embodied in lecture, tutorials, and special topics courses.
- Development of clinical or educational skills in laboratory and fieldwork courses.
- Research training to enable students to critically read and interpret original research and to carry out educational, clinical, or laboratory research.
- Seminars to discuss movement sciences-related research, identification of research problems, and clinical/educational applications.
- Electives to meet specific student needs which may be taken throughout the College and University. Electives are taken with provision that the total program includes at least three Teachers College courses of at least 2 points each outside of the movement sciences. These may include areas such as anatomy, biology, business, chemistry, computer science, health education, higher and adult education, neurosciences, nutrition, physiology, psychology, and science education. These courses may be taken pass/fail.
- A comprehensive final project of about two semesters duration is required. This may involve:
  - A comprehensive scholarly review of research literature within a basic or applied area in applied exercise physiology.
  - A research study in an applied topical area of applied exercise physiology
  - A comprehensive educational project including the development of an assessment instrument/method for clinical or educational practice or a presentation for a continuing education, health promotion or physical activity program.

**Movement Sciences Core Courses (minimum 12 points)**

- BBSR 4095 Applied physiology I (3)
- BBSR 4195 Applied physiology laboratory I (3)
- BBSR 5194 Applied physiology laboratory II (3)
- BBS 5060 Neuromuscular responses and adaptation to exercise (2)
- BBS 5068 Brain and behavior I Communication in the nervous system (1)
- BBSN 5582 Research Design in the Movement Sciences (3)
- * Please note that BBSR 5199 Special Issues in the Principles of Strength & Conditioning (3) may be substituted for BBS 5060 Neuromuscular responses and adaptations to exercise (2)

**Please note that foundational Neuroscience courses may be substituted for BBS 5068 Brain and Behavior 1: (1) These include BBSN 4001 Foundations of Neuroscience 1 (3) and/or BBSN 4002 Foundations of Neuroscience II (3)**

**Research Methods (minimum 6 points) These may include but are not limited to:**
Research Seminar

Registration and attendance at research seminar is required for all Ed.M. Students should expect to register in seminar during all semesters when working on Integrative Final project, with at least two semesters required for a minimum of 2 points).

- BBSR 5595 Research seminar in applied physiology (1)

Substantive study in movement sciences

(BBSR courses) (a minimum of three courses of 2 or more points)

Students are required to take at least three BBSR courses (for a minimum of 6 points) outside of the core required courses. Any student considering taking American College of Sports Medicine certifications should consult the educational requirements (http://certification.acsm.org) to ensure they will qualify to sit for the desired certification examination. These electives may include, but are not limited to the following BBSR courses:

- BBSR 4054 Anatomy and Physiology (3)
- BBSR 4005 Applied anatomy and biomechanics (3)
- BBSR 4050 Biomechanical Analysis of Human Movement (3)
- BBSR 4055 Neuromotor Processes (3)
- BBSR 4060 Motor Learning (3)
- BBSR 4070 Introduction to Psychosocial Aspects of Sports/Exercise (2-3)
- BBSR 4090 Physical Fitness, Weight Control, and Relaxation (2-3)
- BBSR 4900 Research and Independent Study in Movement Science and Education (1-3)
- BBSR 5055 Bases of Motor Control Systems (3)
- BBSR 5070 Movement Disorders (3)

Breadth Courses outside of Movement Sciences

Elective courses to meet specific student needs, which may be taken throughout the College and University. Electives are taken with provision that the total program includes at least three Teachers College courses (for at least 2 points each) outside of the movement sciences. These may include areas such as anatomy, biology, business, chemistry, computer science, health education, higher and adult education, neurosciences, nutrition, physiology, psychology, and science education. These courses may be taken pass/fail and may include the following:

Breadth Elective Courses must be taken in any program or department at Teachers College [i.e., any program except Movement Sciences (BBSR)]. Please see the academic schedule and academic catalog for a full list of available courses. Popular breadth elective courses for students in Applied Physiology have included courses Health Education (HBSS), Nutrition (HBSV), Diabetes Education (HBSD), and Neuroscience and Education (BBSN). Please note that courses taken at Columbia Schools outside of Teachers College cannot count toward the breadth elective requirement. It is recommended that you discuss your electives with your advisor or program faculty for assistance in selecting courses that may contribute
toward your educational and career goals. Courses outside of Movement Sciences (BBSR) that you use to fulfill core degree requirements and/or research methods requirements can also count toward the breadth requirement.

**Recommended Background Courses for Students Entering without Prior Study in Kinesiology, Movement, or Exercise Sciences.**

It is recommended that students who come in without prior formal study in Kinesiology, Movement, or Exercise Sciences take one or more of the following courses in addition to the program requirements outlined above. Some of these courses can be taken in the summer so a Spring or Summer start in the program is strongly suggested. In addition, taking a course in human anatomy and physiology prior to entering the program is highly recommended whenever possible. Students should consult with their program advisor about the advisability of taking these additional courses.

- BBSR 4054 Anatomy and Physiology (3)
- BBSR 4005 Applied Anatomy and Biomechanics (3)
- BBSR 4060 Motor Learning (3)
- BBSR 4070 Introduction to Psychosocial Aspects of Sports/Exercise (3)
- BBSR 4090 Physical Fitness, Weight Control, and Relaxation (2-3)

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**About the Doctoral Programs**

In the preparation of doctoral students, the goal is to develop those competencies necessary to pursue scholarly and scientific work and to formulate strategies to enhance professional practice. Formal admission to the doctoral program is based upon level of achievement in coursework and seminars; demonstration of research competence; a research direction compatible with faculty and laboratory resources; and signs of professional promise. A list of current research projects in Applied Physiology can be obtained from the program coordinator.

Applicants for the Ed.D. degree are reviewed on an ongoing basis throughout the academic year. However, consideration for general and diversity awards is given to those applicants who meet the early application deadline. See the Admissions section of this bulletin for details. Prior to formal admission, enrollment in up to 8 points of study as a non-matriculated student is permitted. Applicants for the Ph.D. in Kinesiology are reviewed once a year subsequent to the December 15th application deadline.

Specialization in Applied Physiology, Motor Learning and Control, or Physical Education is required for the doctoral program in these areas. Within each area of specialization, students prepare course and laboratory projects, research papers, and other materials appropriate for their projected professional activities. The program requires a minimum of 90 points of graduate study.

The doctoral program prepares individuals for leadership roles in the movement sciences and in the fields of physical education, nutrition, dance education, and rehabilitation (occupational, physical and respiratory therapy). Graduates have assumed positions as faculty members and program directors in universities and colleges; as researchers in educational, clinical, or biomedical settings; and as administrators, supervisors, or consultants in clinical or educational facilities. Preparation focuses advanced study and research training within the specialization.

**Special Application Requirements, Applied Physiology Programs:**

While students have come from a variety of fields, the following backgrounds are most appropriate: kinesiology, movement sciences, exercise science, physical therapy, occupational therapy, physical education, athletic training, biology, nutrition, nursing, and psychology. Students with strong academic
records who have deficiencies in their science backgrounds may be admitted on a provisional basis with the understanding that these deficiencies will be remedied with appropriate courses taken in addition to those required for the M.A. degree. It is strongly recommended that students without undergraduate coursework in anatomy and physiology (usually a two-semester sequence with laboratory) take these courses prior to entering the program. It is recommended that prospective students communicate with an academic advisor to discuss program plans prior to admission. Students are encouraged to make an appointment to visit the College to meet with faculty. If desired, it is possible to audit a class or seminar session during your visit. Applicants are reviewed on an ongoing basis throughout the academic year. Prior to formal admission, enrollment in up to 8 points of study as a non-matriculated student is permitted.

Doctor of Education: Applied Physiology

The goal of the Doctor of Education with specialization in Applied Physiology is to prepare doctoral students to pursue scholarly and scientific work. Students are expected to contribute significantly to the completion of at least one comprehensive research project prior to initiation of their dissertation proposal. The skills developed during completion of this project will enable students to carry out their dissertation projects independently. Students are encouraged to present the work leading up to the dissertation proposal at national meetings and to contribute to the publication of results in peer-reviewed journals. Research may be completed in the applied physiology laboratories at Teachers College or in another clinical/research setting. If the work is completed outside of Teachers College, students are expected to work closely with their advisor and demonstrate that they have contributed significantly to the completion of the required projects. All work (either at Teachers College or outside of the College) must be developed and completed in close conjunction with advisement of Applied Physiology Program faculty. The preliminary work may be published prior to graduation, but the final study may only be published upon completion of the degree. All Ed.D. students are encouraged to write a grant to obtain pre-doctoral fellowship funding to support their research and to provide some training in grantsmanship.

Admission

Applicants are expected to satisfy the following requirements for admission:

1. Prior completion of both a bachelor’s and master’s degree program (with a major in movement sciences or closely related field at either or both levels). Students who have deficiencies but who are otherwise qualified are encouraged to apply to the Masters of Education Program to complete deficiencies.
2. A record of superior academic achievement as evidenced by the grades received in undergraduate and graduate course work.
3. Letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the candidate’s academic and professional achievements should attest to the applicant’s capability for successful doctoral study.
4. The applicant’s written personal statement (accompanying the application) should provide evidence of the ability to communicate effectively in writing and should provide an initial indication that the program is compatible with his or her professional goals. A key part of the admissions process is a research interest compatible with a faculty member in Movement Sciences.
5. Each applicant should submit one additional writing sample, such as a term paper, thesis, or published article, so that academic writing skills can be assessed. In cases where a thesis is in progress, a research proposal may be acceptable at the discretion of the faculty.
6. In most cases, an interview will be required to clarify any unresolved issues related to the applicant’s qualifications and interests and to make certain that the area of study is compatible with the applicant’s professional goals and that the area of research interest can be supported by a faculty member in Movement Sciences. In instances where applicants are a long distance from campus, telephone interviews, videoconferences, or interviews at professional meetings may be scheduled.
Advisement and Program Planning

Prior to registration, newly admitted doctoral candidates meet individually with their faculty advisor to plan the initial phases of their programs. A tentative plan for the first year or two of study is developed—subject to change as the need arises. Part-time and full-time programs are arranged depending on the student’s circumstances. At an early stage in the planning process, students develop a written plan for meeting program objectives that allows adequate time for graduate study during each semester of enrollment and provides for meeting all program requirements within a reasonable period of time. This plan, together with an official program plan, is filed with the Office of Doctoral Studies. Individual advisement meetings are scheduled frequently throughout the student’s tenure in the program and may be initiated by either the student or faculty member. These meetings may be used to plan programs, provide feedback, review past work, deal with school related problems, discuss research, career planning, or discuss other issues.

For the doctoral program in Applied Physiology, specific course requirements (or equivalents transferred from previous graduate study) include

1) All coursework required for the Ed.M. degree, plus:
2) Registration in BBSR 5595 every semester in attendance (1 point)
3) Minimum of 15 points in Research Methods and Statistics
4) Minimum of 9 points in substantive study in movement sciences
5) Additional courses required to achieve research and career goals

Certification

When students have completed approximately 60-65 of the total points required for the Ed.D. degree, they are evaluated for "certification," a stage of doctoral study which represents full candidacy for the degree. To achieve certification, the student must complete the certification examination, which is a written comprehensive examination covering the scientific literature on three areas related to the student’s selected research specialization area, a literature review, and submit a plan for meeting total program objectives. A review committee assesses the student’s entire record. The decision of the committee is then forwarded to the Teachers College Ed.D. Committee for final action on the candidate’s certification.

Dissertation

Each student completes a dissertation that focuses on a research question in applied physiology. Through course work, the research seminar, working as an apprentice in the research of faculty and more advanced students, and pilot studies, students develop the skills to complete the dissertation. Many types of questions and methodologies, appropriate to applied physiology research, may be employed in completing the dissertation. The dissertation research is expected to address a complex research problem and to be of sufficient quality to result in at least three publications to be published in a top journal.

Throughout the process, the student works closely with his or her advisor on the design and conduct of the doctoral dissertation. Thereafter the student works under the supervision of a dissertation committee until the dissertation is completed. Once the dissertation is successfully defended, it is expected that students will share what they have learned by presenting at professional meetings and publishing one or more articles.

Degree Policies

Statement of satisfactory progress: Students are expected to make satisfactory progress toward the completion of degree requirements. Program faculty will annually review each student’s progress. Please note that satisfactory performance in the applied physiology program is defined as no Incomplete grades and no BBSR or BBS courses in which the grade earned is lower than B. Doctoral students generally are expected to have grades of B or better in coursework in research methods, statistics, and cognate areas.
Where there are concerns about satisfactory progress, students will be informed by the program faculty. If a student is performing below expectations, he/she may be required to complete additional course work. The program will provide a plan and timeline for remediation so students know the expectation for them to continue in the program. If satisfactory progress is not maintained, a student may be dismissed from the program.

Doctor of Education: Motor Learning and Control

In the preparation of doctoral students, the goal is to develop those competencies necessary to pursue scholarly and scientific work and to formulate strategies to enhance professional practice.

Research training uses an apprenticeship model. Students work closely with faculty throughout their preparation: initially as apprentices with access to considerable advisement, subsequently as collaborators, then progressing to a position as independent researchers.

Typically, the dissertation research is an extension of one or two prior studies. Often, research leading up to the dissertation is presented at national meetings or is published in professional journals.

In addition to substantive study and research preparation, students are expected to design an individual program representing their research area and professional concerns. Such preparation requires a significant commitment to graduate study. Doctoral students (and Ed.M. students planning to pursue the doctoral degree) are required to be engaged in research at least three days per week (on or off-site) and be available for advisement at least two mornings or afternoons.

For the doctoral program with specialization in Motor Learning and Control, specific course requirements (or equivalents transferred from prior graduate study) are:

- BBS 5060 Neuromuscular responses and adaptation to exercise (2)
- BBS 5068 Brain and behavior I: Communication in the nervous system (1-2)
- BBSR 4050 Biomechanical analysis of human movement (3)
- BBSR 4060 Motor learning (3)
- BBSR 4151 Laboratory methods in biomechanics (3)
- BBSR 4161 Motor learning laboratory (2-3)
- BBSR 5151 Introduction to the analysis of biomechanical signals, or an approved course in computer programming (3)
- BBSR 5504 Research training in motor learning (2-3 points each semester, continuous enrollment required until completion of degree requirements, typically 18 points)
- BBSR 5582 Research design in the movement sciences (3)
- Four courses (12 points) selected from: BBSQ 4047, BBSR 4055, BBSR 4070, BBSR 4865, MSTD 5000, BBSR 5050, BBSR 5028, BBSR 5055, BBSR 5057, BBSR 5251, BBSR 5860
- Three topical seminars (9 points) selected from: BBSR 5596, BBSR 6563, BBSR 6564, BBSR 6565
- Statistics sequence minimum (9 points): HUDM 4122, HUDM 5122 and HUDM 5123

Two courses in educationally-relevant areas must also be selected from the list below or substituted with advisor permission:

- C&T 4004 Basic course in school improvement (3)
- C&T 4052 Designing curriculum and instruction (3)
- C&T 4078 Curriculum and teaching in urban areas (3)
- C&T 4114 Multicultural approaches to teaching young children (3)
- C&T 4159 Teacher education programs (3)
- C&T 5020 The environments of school (3)
- ORLH 4010 Purposes and policies of higher education (3)
Teaching Assistantships: Program faculty believe strongly in the value of assistant teaching. Teaching assistantship can provide students with valuable opportunities to learn new material, review material previously acquired and obtain teaching skills and materials. The objective of the required teaching assistantship is to provide Ed.D. students with a quality learning experience that will benefit them regardless of whether they pursue academic or nonacademic careers. Doctoral students are required to serve as a teaching assistant for one Masters level course before graduating (whether in a paid or non-paid capacity). Every effort will be made to match student preferences with available opportunities, but students should expect that they may not always receive their first preference. Beyond this, additional teaching assistantship opportunities may be available for more advanced courses.

Graduate Study/Clinical Practice Traineeships are available for occupational and physical therapists enrolled in or admitted to degree programs in Movement Science. They are offered in collaboration with several clinical agencies located in the metropolitan New York area that provide services to diverse groups including pediatric, adult, and geriatric clients. These traineeships involve up to 20 hours per week in a clinical setting and provide stipend and tuition benefits. International students may qualify, contingent on obtaining appropriate New York State clinical licensure. The latter may take up to 12 months so interested prospective students should contact the coordinator as soon as possible during the application process. The instructional staff in Movement Science provides clinical supervision. A case study approach is used to directly bridge between substantive study and clinical practice. For more detailed information, contact the Coordinator of Clinical Traineeships at (212) 678-3325.

Doctor of Philosophy: Kinesiology

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

The Ph.D. program requires a full-time commitment to graduate studies. This entails engaging in coursework and research activity related to the doctoral degree at least five days per week. Ph.D. students should not expect to hold outside employment during their studies. This commitment will ensure that advisement, research activities, and course work can be completed to the degree of competence that is expected in a research-intensive degree program. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy emphasizes research and intensive specialization in a field of scholarship. Under an Agreement with Columbia University, Teachers College offers programs leading to the Ph.D. degree in designated fields in which the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences of the University does not offer programs, namely in education, including education in the substantive disciplines and certain applied areas of psychology and physiology. The minimum requirements for the degree are: satisfactory completion of a planned program of 75 graduate points beyond the Baccalaureate; satisfactory performance on foreign language examinations and on a departmental Certification Examination; and preparation and defense of a research dissertation. In addition, doctoral students in Kinesiology are expected to complete a sequence of three research studies, or the equivalent, to meet degree requirements. Relevant courses completed in other recognized graduate schools to a maximum of 30 points, or 45 points if completed in another Faculty of Columbia University, may be accepted toward the minimum point requirement for the degree. Each degree candidate must satisfy departmental requirements for the award of the M.Phil. degree prior to continuance in the Ph.D. program. These degree requirements are specified in the Requirements for the Degree of Doctor of
Philosophy Bulletin, obtainable from the Office of Doctoral Studies. Each student and his or her advisor develop a program that will help the student meet his or her goals and successfully complete the series of studies that meets the research requirements of the program.

For more information about special application requirements, program description and degree program requirements for the Ph.D. program in Kinesiology, contact Professor Gordon at mnsprogram@tc.edu.

Students in the Applied Physiology concentration can expect to complete at least the minimum course requirements outlined for the Ed.D. degree as part of their individually program designed in consultation with their primary faculty sponsor (advisor).
Application Information

While students come from a variety of fields, the following backgrounds are most appropriate: kinesiology, movement sciences, exercise science, physical therapy, occupational therapy, physical education, athletic training, biology, nutrition, nursing, health education, public health, and psychology. Students with strong academic records who have deficiencies in their science backgrounds, may be admitted on a provisional basis with the understanding that these deficiencies will be remedied with appropriate courses taken in addition to those required for the MA degree. It is strongly recommended that students without undergraduate coursework in anatomy and physiology (usually a two-semester sequence with laboratory) or exercise physiology take these courses or their equivalent prior to entering the program.

It is recommended that prospective students communicate with an academic advisor to discuss program plans prior to admission. Students are encouraged to make an appointment to visit the College to meet with faculty. If desired, it may be possible to audit a class or seminar session during your visit. Applicants are reviewed on an ongoing basis throughout the academic year. Prior to formal admission, enrollment in up to 8 points of study as a non-matriculated student is permitted.

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Instructor
Course List

BBS 5060 Neuromuscular responses and adaptation to exercise
A review of the physiology of muscle contraction in addition to in-depth discussion of topics related to the field which include: the relationship between muscle activation and respiration during exercise, muscle fatigue, eccentric versus concentric contractions and adaptation to strength training.

BBS 5068 Brain and behavior I: Communication in the nervous system
An introduction to communication within the nervous system and functional brain neuroanatomy. Examination of chemical circuits in the brain and associated pathologies, such as Parkinson’s disease, Tourette’s, schizophrenia, depression, and anxiety.

BBS 5069 Brain and behavior II: Perception, emotion, memory and cognition
An introduction to brain processes associated with perception, emotion, memory and cognition. Consequences of damage to these neurobehavioral processes are examined through reading and discussion of clinical case studies.

BBSR 4005 Applied anatomy and biomechanics
Topics include: gross anatomy and function of human skeletal and muscular systems, mechanics of human movement, and analysis of skills in dance and physical education. Designed primarily for students without a prior course in anatomy or biomechanics. Students will be expected to participate in a laboratory offered immediately preceding the scheduled class time. Lab fee: $50.

BBSR 4050 Biomechanical analysis of human movement
Permission required. Covers the principles and techniques required to analyze human movement, which can be used to develop practical research questions. Quantitative and qualitative techniques for analysis of movement are discussed in relation to the study of learning, motor control, motor development, and motor impairments. Lab fee: $50.

BBSR 4060 Motor learning
Study of factors relating to the acquisition and performance of motor skills. Includes review and analysis of appropriate research findings.

BBSR 4070 Introduction to the psychosocial aspects of sport and exercise
The purpose of this course is to provide the student with an in-depth and comprehensive understanding of the psychological and social processes in exercise, sport, and physical activity. The focus is on the key theoretical psychosocial principles that are well known to govern exercise and sport behavior, including the physical, affective, and cognitive aspects. The course explores theoretical, methodological, and applied approaches to a variety of topics including stress, cognition, mood, emotion, perceptions of the self, mental illness, exercise adherence, drug use and addiction, self-regulation and self-control, motivation, goal setting, arousal and performance, group dynamics, coaching, and burnout.

BBSR 4090 Physical fitness, weight control, and relaxation
Contributions of exercise to human well-being throughout life. Classroom, gymnasium, and laboratory experiences included. Designed for teachers, counselors, and others who desire an introduction to basic concepts of physical fitness.

BBSR 4095 Applied physiology I

BBSR 4151 Laboratory methods in biomechanics
Permission required. Enrollment limited. Prerequisite: BBSR 4050. Students develop technical skills in the application of biomechanics to the study of movement behavior including video-based data collection and computer-based kinematic analysis. Students design and conduct a pilot research study using biomechanical analysis of a functional movement. Special fee: $75.

BBSR 4161 Motor learning laboratory
An introduction to qualitative and quantitative analysis of movement and action during acquisition of functional skills. Corequisite: BBSR 4060.

**BBSR 4861 Workshop in motor learning and control**
Students carry out a case study of skill acquisition in a functional movement task and integrate qualitative and quantitative findings in a final essay, characterizing the learning process.

**BBSR 4900 Research and independent study in movement science and education**
Permission required. Master’s degree students undertake research and independent study under the direction of a faculty member.

**BBSR 5028 Motor development across the lifespan**
Review and analysis of theoretical models and experimental research related to development and performance of motor skills throughout the lifespan.

**BBSR 5050 Neurophysiology of motor control and electromyography**
Review and analysis of theoretical models and experimental research related to development and performance of motor skills throughout the lifespan. Advanced topics dealing with the experimental and clinical use of electromyography. Topics will be integrated with the kinematics of movements being observed. A laboratory project using EMG will be required. Lab fee: $50.

**BBSR 5055 Bases of motor control systems**
Study of control processes subserving the coordination of movement.

**BBSR 5095 Exercise and health**
The role of exercise in diagnosis, prevention, and rehabilitation of health problems such as cardiovascular disease, pulmonary disease, diabetes, obesity, and stress. Scientific evidence from both epidemiological and applied practice perspectives are emphasized.

**BBSR 5151 Introduction to the analysis of biomechanical signals**
Introduction to MATLAB programming with a focus on variables, conditional statements, loops, data visualization, basic algorithm development, and Graphical User Interfaces (GUIs). Concepts and techniques used in the analysis of biomechanical/biological signals will be applied to kinematic/physiological data (e.g., electromyographic, kinetic, accelerometer, heart rate data, etc.) using MATLAB. Applications of MATLAB extend to the analysis of all types of quantitative data. Thus, students with data from other sources are welcome to use their own data for course assignments. Interactive lectures and weekly labs are intended for students across disciplines to develop the skills required to use MATLAB in their own research.

**BBSR 5194 Applied physiology laboratory II**
The discussion and practice of techniques for collection and analysis of physiologic data (strength testing, electromyography, computerized data acquisition). Lab fee: $100.

**BBSR 5195 Advanced applied physiology laboratory**
Prerequisite: BBSR 5194. Introduction of advanced physiologic measurement techniques and concepts. Included are indirect calorimetry, spectrophotometry, vascular volume dynamics, autonomic reflexes, thermoregulation, noninvasive cardiac output, computer data plethysmography, tonometry, acquisition, and post-acquisition analyses. Lab fee: $100.

**BBSR 5200 Fieldwork in movement science and education**
Permission required. For advanced students prepared to investigate problems.

**BBSR 5251 Fieldwork seminar in motor learning and motor control**
Applications of theory/research to therapeutic or educational practice for students in field-based settings.

**BBSR 5504 Research training in motor learning**
Permission required. A competency-based approach to the preparation of researchers in the areas of neuromotor control and perceptual-motor processes. Several learning experiences are offered each semester, involving lectures, laboratory practica, seminars and individual research advisement.

**BBSR 5582 Research design in movement science and education**
Basic concepts of research design and statistical analysis. Students learn to interpret articles and design projects.
BBSR 5595 Research seminar in applied physiology
M.A. students carrying out research-culminating projects enroll in this course near the end of their course of study to discuss and present their projects. Ed.M. and doctoral students enroll at least once in connection with each research project they complete.

BBSR 6201 Supervision of educational or clinical practice in the movement sciences
Permission required. Corequisite: Actual supervisory experience during that semester. For doctoral students in the movement sciences. Field-based experiences in the guidance of therapists or educators engaged in applying the movement sciences to clinical practice.

BBSR 6563 Neuromotor processes seminar
Offered in conjunction with review and analysis of research related to conference topic.

BBSR 6564 Advanced topics in neuromotor processes
Topic changes annually.

BBSR 6900 Supervised independent research in movement science and education
Permission required. For advanced students who wish to conduct research under faculty guidance.

BBSR 7500 Dissertation seminar in movement science and education
Permission required. Candidate develops proposal for doctoral dissertation in consultation with advisor. Seminar convenes only on days when candidates present proposals for approval.

BBSR 8900 Dissertation advisement in movement science and education
Individual advisement on doctoral dissertations. Fee to equal 3 points at current tuition rate for each term. For requirements, see section in catalog on Continuous Registration for Ed.D./Ph.D. degrees.
Neuroscience and Education

Department of - Biobehavioral Sciences

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Program Description

Neuroscience and Education was the first graduate program in the country to focus on the educational and clinical implications of recent advances in understanding brain-behavior relationships. One objective of the multi-disciplinary program is to prepare a new kind of specialist: a professional with dual preparation able to bridge the gap between research underlying brain, cognition, and behavior, and the problems encountered in schools and other applied settings. A second objective is to provide rigorous training and relevant experiences that would allow students to further their knowledge and make links between neuroscience, cognition, education, and clinical practice. The M.S. program is intended for professionals and non-professionals alike who would like to acquire knowledge in fields related to neuroscience and to participate in ongoing research, educational, or clinical practice. Graduates from the program may continue in their respective areas of professional specialization, while others develop careers in research settings or apply to doctoral programs for further study.

Degree Summary

Neuroscience and Education (NEUR)

- Master of Science (M.S.)

For a complete listing of degree requirements, please continue on to this program’s "Degrees" section in this document.
Degree Requirements

Masters of Science (M.S.)

The program of study for the M.S. in Neuroscience and Education offers a systematic sequence of courses within the neurosciences.

- Basic courses provide a thorough introduction to the neural bases of behavior.
- Courses in research methods in behavioral and brain-based research, and data analysis
- Advanced courses and breadth courses explore implications of brain-behavior research for educational and clinical practice.
- Supervised practica enable students to engage in ongoing research projects in neuroscience-related fields or to be involved in neuropsychological assessments and interventions
- Students finish their studies by developing up an integrative project as a formal thesis

Course Requirements

At least 20 credits in neurosciences

Basic Neuroscience Courses (9-12 credits)

- BBSN 4001 Foundations of Neuroscience I: Anatomy and Physiology
- BBSN 4002 Foundations of Neuroscience II: Systems Neuroscience.
- BBSN 5003 Cognitive Neuroscience
- BBSN 5070 Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience
- BBSN 5044 Current Issues in Neuroscience and Education

Advanced Neuroscience Courses (9-12 credits)

- BBSN 5019 Human Functional Neuroanatomy
- BBSN 5193 Neuroscience of Adversity
- BBSN 5007 Neuroscience Applications to Education
- BBSN 5199 Neuroscience of Reading
- BBSN 5199 Neuroscience of Aging
- BBSN 5122 Psychoneuroimmunology and Education
- BBSN 5080 Affective Neuroscience
- BBSN 5152 Neuroscience, Ethics and the Law
- BBSN 5199 Neuropsychopharmacology and Education
- BBSN 5199 Pediatric Brain Injury and Education

Integrative Seminar

- BBSN 5500 Capstone Course in Neuroscience and Education

Methods and Data Analysis (At least 9 Credits)

- BBSN 4005 Research Methods in Neuroscience
- BBSN 5000 EEG Lab Methods
- BBSN 5022 Eye Tracking and Dynamic Data Analysis
- BBSN 5005 Evaluation of Neuropsychological Instruments for Research
- BBSN 5199 EEG Field Methods: Classroom-based studies

Methods Courses outside of program

- BMEN E4840 Functional Imaging of the Brain
• HUDM 4120 Basic Concepts in Statistics
• HUDM 4050 Introduction to Measurement
• HUDM 5122 Applied Regression
• HUDM 5123 Linear Models and Experimental Design

Breadth Courses: At least 6 credits of breadth courses out of program

Students who have not taken previous courses in Cognitive Psychology and/or Developmental Psychology should take one of each as part of the program. Those who have fulfilled this requirement in previous training should take the breadth courses in other outside programs. Most out of program courses qualify for this requirement so long as they pertain to the main focus of study. These include courses in other BBS programs including Movement Sciences (BBSR) and Communication Sciences and Disorders (BBSQ). Many relevant courses are offered in the programs of Human Development and Cognitive Science in Education (HUDK), Health and Behavior Studies (HBSK), Math Science and Technology (MSTC), Clinical Psychology (CCPX), Curriculum and Teaching (C&T).

BBSN 4904 Practicum is strongly recommended for all students, especially those pursuing a research/scientific approach to their studies. Typically this consists of working/volunteering in a research lab or treatment center in the city or elsewhere. Such experiences can be very rewarding and are extremely useful for future employment and can often lead to publications if the student is highly engaged in a lab project. Students who are engaged in practicum should register for the practicum for 0-3 points. A zero-point enrollment allows the student to get credit for participation without paying tuition.

The Integrative Project is required to be completed by all students before graduation. This is a journal-style article in APA format that either reports on research conducted during training or practicum, or is a review article that consists of an integrated analysis of an area of focus.
Application Information

Applications will be considered throughout the year. Applications are available online by clicking on “Prospective Students” on the TC main website. GRE scores are not required but may be submitted by the applicant if available.

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Course List

**BBS 5069 Brain and behavior II: Perception, emotion, memory and cognition**
An introduction to brain processes associated with perception, emotion, memory and cognition. Consequences of damage to these neurobehavioral processes are examined through reading and discussion of clinical case studies.

**BBSN 5070 Neural bases for language and cognitive development**
This course examines neurophysical development from conception through adulthood and its relation to changes in cognitive and linguistic functioning. Topics include visual development, attention, development of action/motor systems, language and reading development, executive function, and social cognition. In addition, the course covers developmental disorders related to specific cognitive, linguistic, and social functions, and theoretical approaches to mental representation and the emergence of cognitive functions.

**BBSN 5575 Integrative seminar in neuroscience and education**
Primarily for students in the Neuroscience and Education program during preparation of the master's integrative project. Others by permission.