What will I study?
You will acquire the knowledge, tools, and support needed to feel confident teaching students of varying abilities in your general classrooms.

In alignment with the current Adapted Physical Education National Standards, the goals of the program emphasize enabling you to successfully include students with disabilities in general classrooms and to maximize learning outcomes for all children, with and without disabilities, in all SHAPE America Grade-Level Outcomes.

What kind of work will I be able to do?
Graduates can find jobs as general or itinerant adapted physical educators in elementary or secondary PK-12 settings. Furthermore, our graduates are well-prepared to coach general or adapted sporting teams/athletes and contribute to the holistic education of school-aged children, ensuring all students find personal meaning and enrichment.

If you amass 200 hours of contact time teaching physical education to children with disabilities, you can sit for the Certified Adapted Physical Educator exam (a requirement in certain states). Contact your states’ Department of Education to see if our course work qualifies for “add-on” endorsements or certificates. Students in South Carolina may take courses for continuing education as they see fit.

Is this track right for me?
This program is designed for licensed physical educators who:

- want to successfully include children with disabilities into their general physical education classes
- want to ensure that all children, with and without disabilities, maximize learning in the psychomotor, cognitive, and affective domains in a general physical education setting
- are interested in learning about disability sporting and recreation opportunities
- want to become an itinerant adapted physical educator
- seek the Certified Adapted Physical Educator certificate required to be an adapted physical educator in certain states
- seek an Adapted Physical Education add-on endorsement or certificate available in certain states

Program Highlights

- 100% online and asynchronous: you can complete course work when it fits into your own schedule.
- 1-year fast-track or “on your time” program of study options
- 8-week courses with two entry points into the program offer convenience and flexibility that in-service teachers need

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How do I get started?
Contact Ali S. Brian, Ph.D., CAPE via e-mail at brianali@mailbox.sc.edu or you can reach her by phone: 803-777-3101

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