



DARTON COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

What is Exercise Science?

Few academic programs offer such diverse opportunities for employment and professional development upon graduation as Exercise Science. The Exercise Science curriculum prepares graduates with the knowledge and practical experience necessary for employment as exercise physiologist; strength and conditioning specialists; personal trainers, corporate, community and commercial fitness leaders. This major provides a strong background for those interested in pursuing a master's degree in exercise physiology or related field. The Exercise Science specialization is also an attractive curricular option for those intending to apply to professional programs in medicine and other allied health programs such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, physician's assistant, and cardiac rehabilitation.

YOU MIGHT ENJOY EXERCISE SCIENCE IF YOU...

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**ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING
IN A CLINICAL SETTING**

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**ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING
IN A HEALTH OR FITNESS
SETTING, SUCH AS CORPORATE
FITNESS, PERSONAL TRAINING,
OR HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

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**ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING
IN A SPORTS TRAINING OR
PERFORMANCE SETTING, SUCH
AS STRENGTH AND
CONDITIONING OR ATHLETIC
TRAINING**

—
**LIKE WORKING
HANDS-ON WITH
PEOPLE**

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Career Outlook

Students interested in applying for admission to a professional school in one of the allied health professions will find the science-based courses (e.g., Human Anatomy, Exercise Physiology, Human Physiology, Kinesiology, Nutrition, etc.) in the Exercise Science major to be of special interest because of their emphasis on the human body. The curriculum culminates with applied courses such as Test and Measurements and Internships that provides students with “hands on” practical experiences.

Student Internship Opportunities

Internship opportunities include, but are not limited to, spending 200 or more hours with mentors in physical therapy, occupational therapy, physician, commercial/corporate/community fitness, athletic training, personal training, and strength and conditioning clinics, and similar settings.

Degree Options

The exercise science concentration at ASU is offered through the Department of Health and Human Performance. Students in the exercise science specialization will earn the Bachelor of Science degree and be prepared for certification through the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) as Exercise Physiologist (EP-C), and the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) as Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialists (CSCS) and Certified Personal Trainers (CPT). Upon completion of coursework, students perform a full-time 400-600 hour internship at an approved facility, compatible with career and employment goals.

Upon receipt of the baccalaureate degree, graduates are prepared for employment in the aforementioned areas, or for advanced studies in various branches of exercise science or related fields, such as medicine, physical therapy, and athletic training.

Websites

- American College of Sports Medicine – www.acsm.org
- American Physical Therapy Association – www.apta.org
- National Strength and Conditioning Association – www.nasca.com
- National Athletic Trainers Association – www.nata.org