

PED-903: Walking for Fitness

Independent Study Online Course Syllabus

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Number of Graduate Semester Units: 3 units
Target Audience: K - 14th grade teachers
Course Access: <https://connect.fresno.edu>

Course Description

Walking for Fitness is designed to stress the importance of cardiovascular, muscular, and mental fitness development for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The course will help teachers and administrators acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for physical fitness through participation in a carefully monitored walking program. A variety of instructional information and teaching strategies adaptable for classroom use is also provided.

Course assignments encourage participants to integrate specific national standards for physical education. Objectives for each lesson are modeled around standards-based learning as identified the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE).

Evidence of learning is tied directly to stated objectives and is assessed via personal logs of scheduled fitness walks, fulfilled "fitness walking contracts," student-taught lessons, a personal dietary journal, and a written fitness evaluation.

Note: There is no required book for this course.

Required Texts and Course Materials

Course Material: All material is delivered online. Relevant online resources will be used that support the course content and encourage further investigation. Active hyperlinks are utilized throughout the course and will link to the information when clicked. The very nature of the Internet is constantly changing so please let the instructor know if you find any links that are no longer active.

Online Resources: Relevant online resources that support the course content and encourage further investigation will be available throughout the course assignments. Active hyperlinks are utilized throughout the course and will link to the appropriate information when clicked. These include videos, podcasts, worksheets, online activities, journal articles and other resources.

Canvas: This course will be delivered totally online. Canvas is a web-based learning management system (LMS) that provides students access to online resources, documents, videos, assignments, quizzes, forums, etc. Canvas is easy to learn and has a user-friendly interface.

Course Dates

Self-paced; students may enroll at any time and take up to one year, from the date of registration, to complete assignments. Students may complete assignments in no less than three weeks for a 3-unit course (one week per unit).

National Standards Addressed in This Course

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)

(<http://www.nbpts.org/standards-five-core-propositions/>)

First published in 1989 and updated in 2016, [*What Teachers Should Know and Be Able to Do*](#) articulates the National Board's Five Core Propositions for teaching. The Five Core Propositions - comparable to medicine's Hippocratic Oath — set forth the profession's vision for accomplished teaching. Together, the propositions form the basis of all National Board Standards and the foundation for National Board Certification. Course assignments have been designed so students can demonstrate excellence against these professional teaching standards whenever possible.

- Proposition 1: Teachers are committed to students and their learning
- Proposition 2: Teachers know the subject they teach and how to teach those subjects to students
- Proposition 3: Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning
- Proposition 4: Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience
- Proposition 5: Teachers are members of learning communities

SHAPE America's National PE Standards (<http://www.shapeamerica.org/>)

- Standard 1 - The physically literate individual demonstrates competency in a variety of motor skills and movement patterns.
- Standard 2 - The physically literate individual applies knowledge of concepts, principles, strategies and tactics related to movement and performance.
- Standard 3 - The physically literate individual demonstrates the knowledge and skills to achieve.

Common Core State Standards (<http://www.corestandards.org/>)

The grades 6–12 standards define what students should understand and be able to do by the end of each grade span. They correspond to the College and Career Readiness (CCR) anchor standards below by number. The CCR and grade-specific standards are necessary complements—the former providing broad standards, the latter providing additional specificity—that together define the skills and understandings that all students must demonstrate.

Continuing Education Program Student Learning Outcomes

CE 1	Demonstrate proficient written communication by articulating a clear focus, synthesizing arguments, and utilizing standard formats in order to inform and persuade others, and present information applicable to targeted use.
CE 2	Demonstrate comprehension of content-specific knowledge and the ability to apply it in theoretical, personal, professional, or societal contexts.
CE 3	Reflect on their personal and professional growth and provide evidence of how such reflection is utilized to manage personal and professional improvement.
CE 4	Apply critical thinking competencies by generating probing questions, recognizing underlying assumptions, interpreting and evaluating relevant information, and applying their understandings to the professional setting.

CE 5	Reflect on values that inspire high standards of professional and ethical behavior as they pursue excellence in applying new learning to their chosen field.
CE 6	Identify information needed in order to fully understand a topic or task, organize that information, identify the best sources of information for a given enquiry, locate and critically evaluate sources, and accurately and effectively share that information.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) for This Course

Student Learning Outcomes for This Course By the end of this course student will be able to:	National Standards Addressed in This Course*	Continuing Education Program Student Learning Outcomes Addressed**
1. Review and describe current benefits of walking	SHAPE Standard 3	CE 2
2. Analyze the impact of nutrition and physical activity on overall health and wellness	SHAPE Standards 3 and 5	CE 1, 2
3. Identify and integrate national standards into plans for lessons to be taught in the classroom	SHAPE Standard 2	CE 2, 6
4. Evaluate current fitness level and complete walking analysis forms throughout the course	SHAPE Standards 1 and 2	CE 2, 3
5. Analyze school environment and develop strategies for teaching walking in ways that directly address physical education standards	SHAPE Standard 2	CE 4
6. Identify the benefits of a correct stretching and cool down routine in relation to cardiovascular health	SHAPE Standards 1 and 3	CE 4, 6
7. Recognize signs and benefits of overall health	SHAPE Standards 3 and 5	CE 2, 3
8. Develop an understanding of how walking can influence student behaviors and promote a healthy, active life style	SHAPE Standards 3, 4 and 5	CE 2, 6

* Please refer to the section on **National Standards Addressed in This Course**

** Please refer to the section on **Continuing Education Program Student Learning Outcomes**

Topics, Assignments, and Activities

Module Module Title	Module Assignments and Activities	Points Possible for Each Assignment
Welcome Module	- Welcome Video - Course Syllabus - Introduce Yourself Forum	
Module 1: Introduction and Background	1.1 Reflection & Goals Activity 1.2 Module Forum	20 pts 10 pts

Module 2: Goal Setting	2.1 Rockport Fitness Walking Test 2.2 Goal Setting 2.3 The Walking Site Study Guide 2.4 Module Forum	20 pts 20 pts 40 pts 10 pts
Module 3: Health and Healthy Choices	3.1 Diet Tracking 3.2 Nutrition 3.3 Calorie Expenditure 3.4 Module Forum	40 pts 20 pts 20 pts 10 pts
Module 4: Walking for Fitness	4.1 Goals Redefined 4.2 Walking Start Up (28 Walks Log) 4.3 Target Heart Rate 4.4 Stretches 4.5 Rockport Walk Test Revisited 4.6 Module Forum	20 pts 40 pts 20 pts 20 pts 20 pts 10 pts
Module 5: Active Lifestyle	5.1 Alternative Walking Plan 5.2 Additional Web Sites Evaluation 5.3 Book Report 5.4 Module Forum	20 pts 20 pts 40 pts 10 pts
Module 6: Standards	6.1 Physical Education & Health Standards 6.2 Final Walking Evaluation 6.3 Module Forum	40 pts 20 pts 10 pts
Course Wrap-up – Grading and Evaluation	- Final Reflection Forum - Course Evaluation - Course Completion Checklist - Grade Request / Transcript Request	
	TOTAL POINTS	500 pts

Grading Policies, Rubrics, and Requirements for Assignments

Grading Policies

- Assignments will be graded per criteria presented in the course rubrics.
- A = 90-100% and B = 80-89%, (anything below 80% will not receive credit.)
- The discernment between an A or a B letter grade is at the discretion of the instructor based on the quality of work submitted (see course rubrics).
- Coursework falling below a B grade will be returned with further instructions.
- All assignments must be completed to receive a grade and are expected to reflect the quality that teacher-training institutions require of professional educators. If completed assignments do not meet this standard, students will be notified with further instructions from the instructor.

Grading Rubrics

Grade	Percentage	Description	Rubric
A	90-100%	Excellent	Meets all course / assignment requirements with significant evidence of subject mastery and demonstration of excellent graduate level professional development scholarship.
B	80-89%	Very Good	Adequately meets criteria for all course/assignment requirements - demonstrates subject competency with very good graduate level professional development scholarship.

NC	Below 80%	Unacceptable	Does not meet the minimum criteria for all course/assignment requirements and demonstrated little, if any, evidence of acceptable graduate level professional development scholarship.
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Writing Requirements

- **Superior:** Writing is clear, succinct, and reflects graduate level expectations. Clearly addresses all parts of the writing task. Maintains a consistent point of view and organizational structure. Include relevant facts, details, and explanations.
- **Standard:** Writing is acceptable with very few mistakes in grammar and spelling. Addresses most parts of the writing task. Maintains a mostly consistent point of view and organizational structure. Include mostly relevant facts, details, and explanations.
- **Sub-standard:** Writing contains noticeable mistakes in grammar and spelling. Does not address all parts of the writing task. Lacks a consistent point of view and organization structure. May include marginally relevant facts, details, and explanations.

Lesson Plan Requirements

- **Superior:** Instructional goals and objectives clearly stated. Instructional strategies appropriate for learning outcome(s). Method for assessing student learning and evaluating instruction is clearly delineated and authentic. All materials necessary for student and teacher to complete lesson clearly listed.
- **Standard:** Instructional goals and objectives are stated but are not easy to understand. Some instructional strategies are appropriate for learning outcome(s). Method for assessing student learning and evaluating instruction is present. Most materials necessary for student and teacher to complete lesson are listed.
- **Sub-standard:** Instructional goals and objectives are not stated. Learners cannot tell what is expected of them. Instructional strategies are missing or strategies used are inappropriate. Method for assessing student learning and evaluating instruction is missing. Materials necessary for student and teacher to complete lesson are missing.

Instructor/Student Contact Information

This course requires a minimum of three contacts between the student and the instructor. The first contact point occurs after the student enrolls in the course. The instructor contacts the student by phone to welcome them to the course and Fresno Pacific University. The instructor provides an overview of the course, material, assignments, and expectations for successful completion of the course. This initial interaction also establishes a foundation for future interactions (via email or phone). The second interaction should occur when the student is approximately half-way through the course. The instructor can field any assignment questions and learn what has been most beneficial to the student so far. The final conversation occurs at the end of the course. This interaction provides a final check that all assignments have been completed, final grade request has been submitted, and answer any final questions or concerns.

Coursework Hours

Based on the Carnegie Unit standard, a unit of graduate credit measures academic credit based on the number of hours the student is engaged in learning. This includes all time spent on the course: reading the textbook, watching videos, listening to audio lessons, researching topics, writing papers, creating projects, developing lesson plans, posting to discussion boards, etc. Coursework offered for FPU Continuing Education graduate credit adheres to 45 hours per semester unit for the

900-level courses. Therefore, a student will spend approximately 135 hours on a typical 3-unit course.

Services for Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities are eligible for reasonable accommodations in their academic work in all classes. In order to receive assistance, the student with a disability must provide the Academic Support Center with documentation, which describes the specific disability. The documentation must be from a qualified professional in the area of the disability (i.e. psychologist, physician or educational diagnostician). Once documentation is on file, arrangements for reasonable accommodations can be made. For more information and for downloadable forms, please go to <https://www.fresno.edu/departments/disability-access-education>.

Plagiarism and Academic Honesty

All people participating in the educational process at Fresno Pacific University are expected to pursue honesty and integrity in all aspects of their academic work. Academic dishonesty, including plagiarism, will be handled per the procedures set forth in the Fresno Pacific University Catalogue - <https://www.fresno.edu/students/registrars-office/academic-catalogs>

Technology Requirements

To successfully complete the course requirements, course participants will need Internet access, can send and receive email, know how to manage simple files in a word processing program, and have a basic understanding of the Internet. Please remember that the instructor is not able to offer technical support. If you need technical support, please contact your Internet Service Provider.

Getting Help with Canvas: If you need help with Canvas, please contact the FPU Help Desk by phone: (559) 453-3410 or email: helpdesk@fresno.edu. Help is available Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Final Course Grade and Transcripts

When all work for the course has been completed, students will need to request their final grade by accessing the form at ce.fresno.edu/grade-request. Once the instructor receives the request and posts their final grade, students will receive an email communication from the University. Please allow at least two weeks for the final grade to be posted before you order your transcripts online.

University Policies and Procedures

Students are responsible for becoming familiar with the information presented in the Academic Catalog and for knowing and observing all policies and procedures related to their participation in the university community. A summary of university policies may be found on the university website at <https://www.fresno.edu/departments/registrars-office/academic-catalogs>.

Fresno Pacific University Student Learning Outcomes

Student Learning Outcomes Oral Communication: Students will <i>exhibit</i> clear, engaging, and confident oral communication – in both individual and group settings – and will critically <i>evaluate</i> content and delivery components.
Written Communication: Students will <i>demonstrate</i> proficient written communication by <i>articulating</i> a clear focus, <i>synthesizing</i> arguments, and utilizing standard formats in order to <i>inform</i> and <i>persuade</i> others.
Content Knowledge: Students will <i>demonstrate</i> comprehension of content-specific knowledge and the ability to apply it in theoretical, personal, professional, or societal contexts.
Reflection: Students will <i>reflect</i> on their personal and professional growth and <i>provide evidence</i> of how such reflection is utilized to manage personal and vocational improvement.
Critical Thinking: Students will <i>apply</i> critical thinking competencies by <i>generating</i> probing questions, <i>recognizing</i> underlying assumptions, <i>interpreting</i> and <i>evaluating</i> relevant information, and <i>applying</i> their understandings to new situations.
Moral Reasoning: Students will <i>identify</i> and <i>apply</i> moral reasoning and ethical decision-making skills, and <i>articulate</i> the norms and principles underlying a Christian world-view.
Service: Students will <i>demonstrate</i> service and reconciliation as a way of leadership.
Cultural and Global Perspective: Students will <i>identify</i> personal, cultural, and global perspectives and will employ these perspectives to <i>evaluate</i> complex systems.
Quantitative Reasoning: Students will accurately <i>compute</i> calculations and symbolic operations and <i>explain</i> their use in a field of study.
Information Literacy: Students will <i>identify</i> information needed in order to fully understand a topic or task, <i>explain</i> how that information is organized, <i>identify</i> the best sources of information for a given enquiry, <i>locate</i> and critically <i>evaluate</i> sources, and accurately and effectively <i>share</i> that information.