

## **Kinesiology Student Assessment Plan**

The Kinesiology Department's student learning goals describe the aims for Kinesiology majors at Hendrix College. These outcomes are consistent with the Hendrix College strategic plan, department mission, and the standards set by professional organizations within the field. All programs address these student outcomes through specialized learning objectives. Hendrix college graduates with a BA from the Department of Kinesiology should demonstrate knowledge, skills, and dispositions in the following areas:

1. **Content Knowledge** – Students will demonstrate knowledge and disciplinary concepts related to the field of Kinesiology
2. **Communication** – Students will apply knowledge of effective verbal, nonverbal, and media communication techniques to enhance learning and engagement in physical activity
3. **Reflection and Critical Thinking** – Students will demonstrate reflection and critical thinking in order to refine professional practice.
4. **Practical Experience** – Students will gain practical experience in the application of kinesiology.
5. **Professionalism and Ethics** – Students will demonstrate professional behaviors, including commitment to excellence, valuing diversity and collaboration, service to others, and techniques for lifelong learning.
6. **Value Physical Activity and Fitness** – Students will articulate a philosophy that physical activity programs are important to health and well being of individuals, and that physical activity can foster self-expression, development, and learning.

### **Collection of Assessment Data**

To ensure that the above learning goals are met, numerous pieces of data will be collected on an annual basis.

#### **Learning Goal 1: Content Knowledge**

Tracking student achievement will be the principle means of assessing knowledge within the major. The Department will collect samples of each student's work in core courses. This includes scores from tests, lab and field work experiences as well as senior capstone grades. For those certifying to teach, we will track those students who take the PRAXIS II (Physical Education Specialty Area). The Department will also gather data on the percentage of students passing the senior capstone.

**Learning Goal 2: Communication**

The Department will track the number of students that do oral presentations during class. For those certifying to teach, there are many opportunities to improve communication skills via peer and micro teaching. The Department will collect representative student papers from courses throughout the curriculum. These will be examined by members of the Department and will provide us with information concerning overall quality of student writing and research in a given year.

**Learning Goal 3: Reflection and Critical Thinking**

There are three methods the Department will use to assess reflection and critical thinking.

1. Student Debriefing at the End of Student Teaching and Internships. (oral and written)
2. Classroom activities such as the development of lesson units, journals, student papers and laboratory assignments.
3. Senior capstone paper and presentation

**Learning Goal 4: Practical Experience**

The Department will keep a record of how many students complete student teaching and internships. This information will be helpful in determining if students are gaining practical experience in the field of Kinesiology. In addition, this will be used to assess exposure to diversity and professionalism in the field.

**Learning Goal 5: Professionalism and Ethics**

The Department will keep a record of the feedback given to students by their preceptors when completing student teaching and internships. These experiences will also increase student exposure to people from diverse backgrounds. Professionalism may also be assessed in labs, classroom discussion, and peer teaching.

**Learning Goal 6: Value of Physical Activity and Fitness**

Majors are assessed as to their value of physical activity and fitness through course evaluations, and exit interviews to determine the percentage of graduates entering a kinesiology career or graduate study.