# New Graduate Program (Majors, Sequences, Certificates) Proposal Illinois State University - Graduate Curriculum Committee

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Title of New Program Sport Coaching and Leadership Certificate (Online)

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|      | Course  | Title   | Version | Proposal Type      | Initiator         |
| View | KNR 408 | Psychosocial Athlete Development                | 3       | Revise Grad Course | Scott Pierce      |
| View | KNR 459 | Foundations of Coaching and Leadership in Sport | 4       | New Grad Course    | Elizabeth Sattler |

#### 1. Proposed Action

New Major

**New Sequence** 

- New Certificate
- √ More than 50% of courses in this program are Distance Education

#### 2. Provide Graduate Catalog copy for new program.

#### Sport Coaching and Leadership Certificate (Online)

The Sport Coaching and Leadership certificate requires 12 credit hours and can be completed online in one academic year:

KNR 430: The Sport Industry (3 credits)

KNR 459: Foundations of Coaching and Leadership in Sport (3 credits)

KNR 408: Psychosocial Athlete Development (3 credits)

KNR 462: Principles of Sport Law (3 credits)

#### 3. Provide a description for the proposed program.

The graduate certificate in Sport Coaching and Leadership provides students with graduate-level knoweldge in the areas of coaching and leadership and addresses critical leadership functions across contemporary sport organizations. Students will build the skills necessary to assume leadership and management roles, lead meaningful organizational change, and effectively respond to industry trends/issues. The Sport Coaching and Leadership certificate program prepares students for dynamic careers within K-12, higher education, and national and international sport organizations.

### 4. Provide a rationale of proposed program.

The School of KNR currently offers master's degree sequences in sport management or psychology of sport and physical activity. Both sequences are two-year degree programs, well suited for a traditional graduate student seeking a full degree and work experience as a graduate assistant on campus. We are proposing a one-year certificate in Sport Coaching and Leadership, to serve as an alternative option for students seeking a more expedited academic experience in these areas, as well as a coaching-specific skill set. In recent years, KNR has seen an influx of student-athletes whom, due to the changes in transfer rules by the NCAA, have an additional year of eligibility upon arriving to Illinois State University. These are students who have completed a bachelor's degree at their prior institution and are seeking a graduate program to maintain their eligibility. As a result, a large portion of these students have been accepted in the sport management or psychology of sport/physical activity sequences, only to leave after one year of completion. We believe this alternative option of a certificate program will provide a better pathway for those student-athletes, and ensure they leave Illinois State with a completed certificate, instead of a partial master's degree. We also believe this certificate is well suited to the interests of many of these students, who have expressed interest in coaching after completing their degrees.

Additionally, we think this certificate program could serve as a pathway into the master's program(s) for other students who may not meet the initial GPA requirements of these competitive programs. For instance, often these programs turn away several students each year due to GPA requirements of 3.0 or higher. A certificate program would allow students just under this requirement an opportunity to improve their grades over a short period, and then potentially re-apply to the master's program the following year.

#### 5. Describe the expected effects of the proposed program on existing campus programs (if applicable).

There are no anticipated short term effects on existing campus programs.

# 6. Describe the expected curricular changes required, including new courses. If proposals for new courses that will be or have been submitted, please reference those related proposals here:

Only one new course is being added as a result of this proposed certificate (KNR 459: Foundations of Coaching and Leadership in Sport), which will be taught by an existing faculty member in KNR.

All other required courses are already currently offered online as part of the sport management and psychology of sport and physical activity graduate programs.

#### 7. Anticipated funding needs and source of funds.

We are requesting an additional \$6,500 in personnel costs to cover the instructional cost of adding one new course per academic year. This is included in our FIF.

#### 8. No Does this program count for teacher education?

## 9. The following questions must be answered.

N.A. Have letter(s) of concurrence from affected departments/schools been obtained?

A departments/school is affected if it has a program with significant overlap or if it teaches a required or elective course in the program



# 10. Proposal Routing Routing and action summary for New Graduate Program:

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