Career Outlook: Physical Education

**Physical Education Programs Available at Bemidji State University:**

**Major:** Physical Education: Teacher Licensure (B.S.)

**Minors:** Human Performance, Developmental/Adapted Physical Education: Teacher Licensure (B.S.)

**Certification Area:** Coaching Certificate

**Department Website:** [https://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/human-performance-sport-health/academic-programs/physical-education-bs/](https://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/human-performance-sport-health/academic-programs/physical-education-bs/)

**EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:**

Physical Education majors can go into many different sport career paths, although most chose to teach in the K-12 school setting, others work in health clubs, and coaching opportunities. The “Occupational Outlook Handbook” reports that the growth outlook for high school teachers is expected to increase 5% (as fast as average for all occupations) through the year 2031, with the median annual earnings for high school teachers at $61,820 in 2021.

**PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRADUATES:**

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Physical Education graduates particularly if you are willing to coach. Of the 10 Bemidji State University 2020-2021 Physical Education graduates, 62.5% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. One student went on to continue their education. Of the 23 Bemidji State University 2020-2021 graduates obtaining a Coaching Certificate, 81.3% reported obtaining related employment within one year after graduation. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, furthering their education, unavailable, or had unknown status.

**PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRADUATES**: (This list only includes employment within one year of graduation.)

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**COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:**

- University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO

*Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

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For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu

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[Handshake](https://www.bemidjistate.edu/services/career/events-guides-resources/job-listings/)