

# A School District Model for Infusing Teacher Preparation in Adapted Physical Activity



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# TWU APA/Education Programs

- Local School Districts
- Undergraduate
- Graduate
  - Master's
  - Doctoral



# Practicum History

- Collaboration between school districts and TWU occurred over 35 years ago
- Collaboration with Denton school district faculty and staff
- Comprehensive professional preparation model for undergraduate and graduate students at TWU, students with disabilities from several school districts, and parents

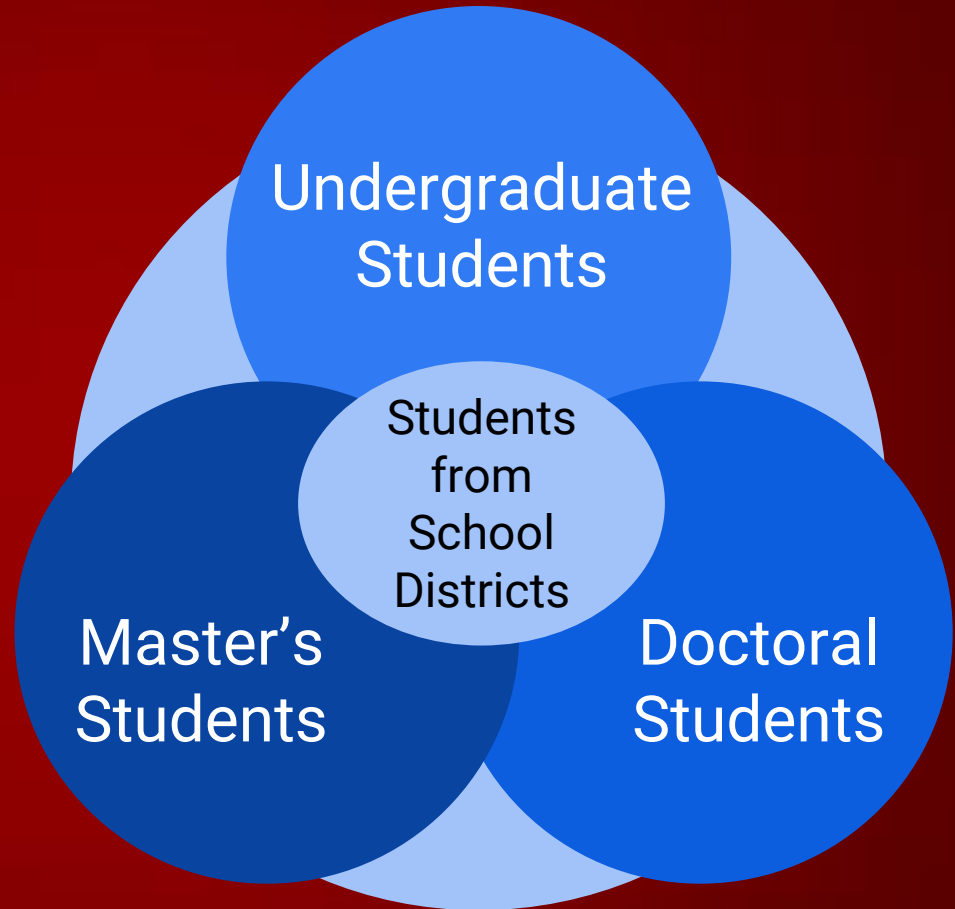


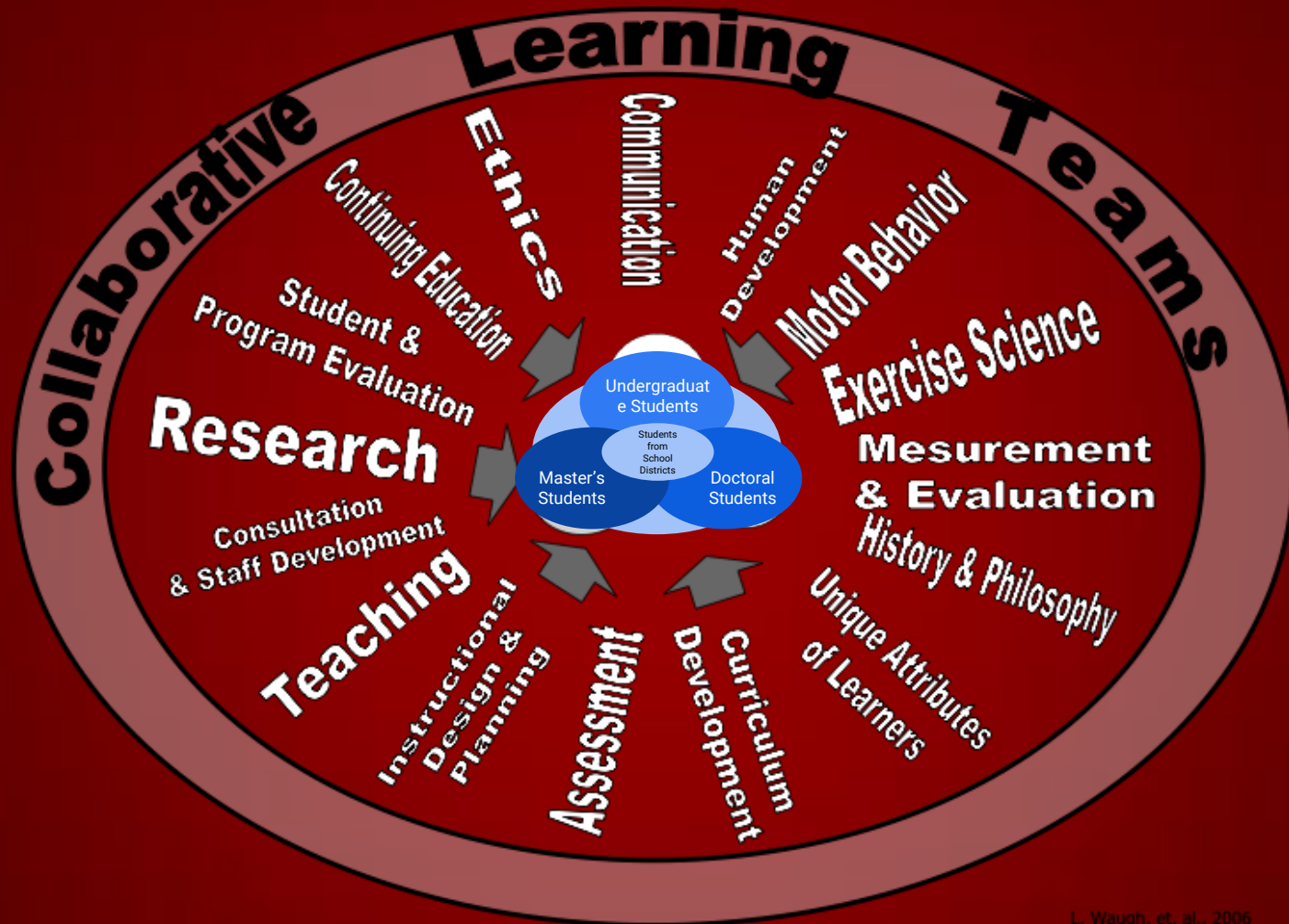
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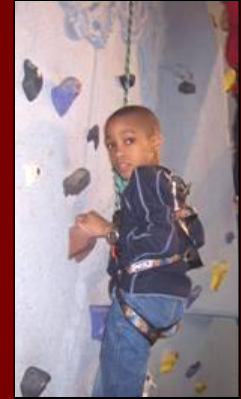
# University and School District Model





# Description of TWU's Practicum Program

- One credit hour course
- Collaboration with the local school district for approximately 35 years





**School District APE**

**Doctoral Students**

**Faculty**

**School Staff**

**Master's student supervisors**

**Parents/Guardians**

**Undergraduate students**

**Students with disabilities from school districts**

# Practicum Flowchart

# School District Team

- Human Resources
- Administrators
  - Special Education Director(s)
  - Campus administration/staff
- Classroom teachers/paraeducators
- Parents
- APE staff
- Students
- Transportation
- Equipment





# Activities



# Other Collaborative Events



# Special Olympics





# Kidnetics Games



# Camp ABILITIES





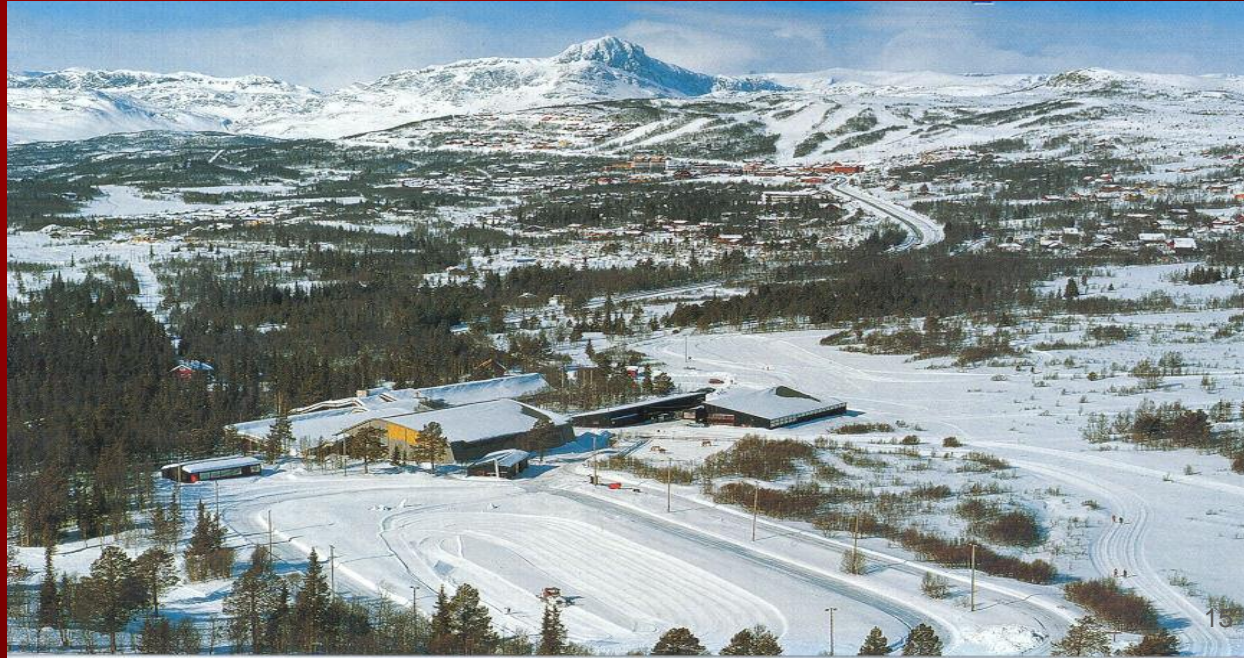
# Sports Extravaganza





# Norway - Beitostølen Healthsportcenter

- Specialized rehabilitation, and education by means of adapted physical activity

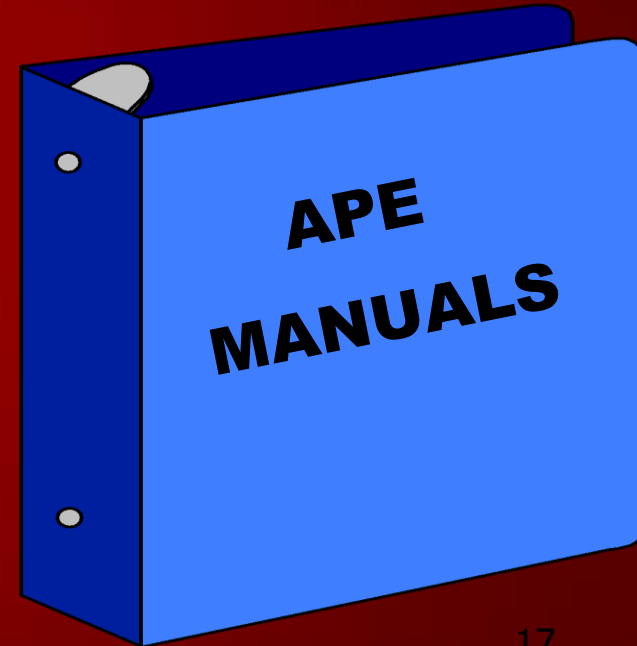


# **Dominican Republic: Basketball/Volleyball Clinics for Children With and Without Disabilities**



# Collaborative Manuals

- TAHPERD State APE Administrative Manual
- Disability Fact Sheets (TAHPERD/Project INSPIRE)
- APE/OT/PT Manual (Denton ISD webpage)
- Paraeducator's Manual (Denton ISD webpage)
- Motor Lab Manual for Students with Severe/Profound Disabilities (TAHPERD)
- Adaptive Aquatics Manual (TAHPERD)
- Preschool Manual (TAHPERD)
- Autism (TAHPERD)





# Further Exposure: DISD Summer School Session

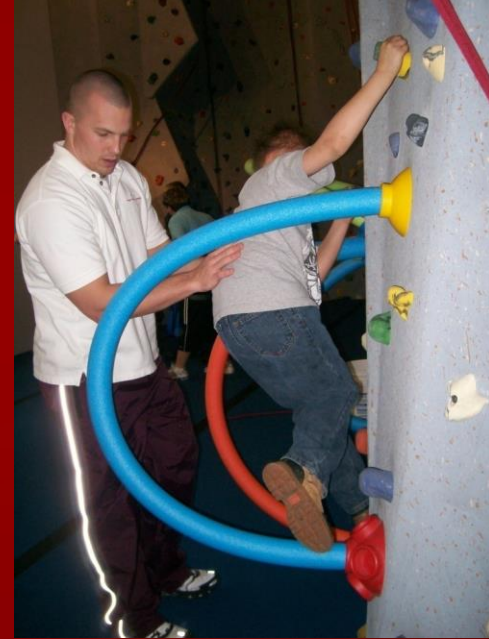




# Bi-Annual APE State Conference at TWU!



# Thank you





# **Adapted Physical Activity Practicum**

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# What is the APA Program?

**The APA Program is dedicated to serving children and adults with physical and intellectual disabilities by promoting health and wellness and empowering them to reach their full potential.**



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# APA Minor

**18 credits**

**6 Courses:**

- **PE 227 Introduction to APA**
- **PE 262 Adapted Aquatics**
- **PE 266 Disability Sport**
- **PE 353 APA and Health Through the Lifespan**
- **PE 460 Program Design in APA**
- **PE 473 Professionalism, Advocacy, and Leadership in Physical Activity**



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# APA Practicum

- Kids in Action
- Special Olympics
  - Rock Stars
  - Interscholastic Unified Sports
  - Coaching Certification
  - Unified Fitness
  - Unified Intramurals
- Transition Achievement Program
- Rock Life
- Community Partners
- Envision Blind Sports





# Partners

- Special Olympics
- Local schools
- Community partners
- On-campus groups
- Families



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# Facilities

- **Field House**
- **Outdoor spaces**
- **State Parks**
- **Campus Recreation**
- **Equestrian Center**
- **Local schools**
- **Classroom**
- **Dance room**
- **Local businesses**



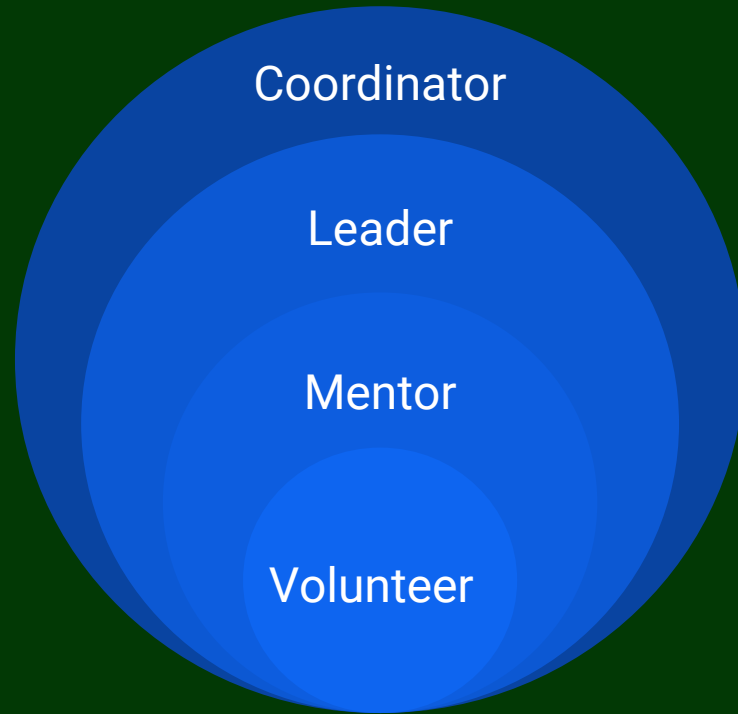
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# Level of Experiential Learning (LEL)



# Practicum and Class Alignment



Slippery Rock University courses and how they are connected to the practicum experiences offered.



PE 227	Introduction to APA - 01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TAP</b> (mentor)</li> <li>• 5 hr volunteer - KIA or Rock Stars</li> </ul>
PE 227	Introduction to APA - 02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>School and Transition Age</b> (mentor, leader)</li> <li>• 5 hr volunteer - KIA or TAP</li> </ul>
PE 262	Adapted Aquatics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Community Partners &amp; TAP</b> (mentor, leader)</li> <li>• 5 hr volunteer - KIA pool</li> </ul>
PE 266	Disability Sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Special Olympics Coaching and Unified Fitness</b> (mentor, leader)</li> </ul>
PE 353	APA and Health through the Lifespan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Special Olympics Unified Fitness</b> (mentor)</li> </ul>
PE 460	Program Design in APA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Community Partners</b> (mentor, leader)</li> </ul>
PE 473	Professionalism, Advocacy & Leadership in PA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Leadership Option</b> (leader, coordinator)</li> </ul>



# Share Ideas

- What do your practicums look like?
- What partnerships do you have?
- What resources are available?
- What supports do you need?

