

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

The National Association for Kinesiology in Higher Education (NAKHE)

And

The Society for Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE America)

WHEREAS the mission of the **National Association for Kinesiology in Higher Education** (NAKHE) is to foster leadership in kinesiology administration and policy as it relates to teaching, scholarship and service in higher education; and

WHEREAS the mission of the **Society for Health and Physical Educators** (SHAPE America) is to advance professional practice and promote research related to health and physical education, physical activity, dance, and sport; and

WHEREAS the two organizations have common professional interests related to scholarship, administration, teaching practice, leadership and mentoring; and

Whereas the two associations desire to collaborate and cooperate concerning these matters of mutual interest;

The two associations enter this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

PURPOSE

The two organizations will investigate the policies and best practices in regards to:

- Recruitment of new candidates into physical education and health education professions to ensure a sufficient supply of teachers to advance the profession. Issues of best practice in professional preparation.
- Leadership and professional career development.
- The need for advocacy for the health and physical education professions.
- Doctoral programs that prepare HETE and PETE professors.
- Program content in HETE and PETE programs.
- Lack of teacher and teaching-quality research and funding for such research.
- Alternative teacher certification processes and the impact on the professions.
- Additional factors will be considered, such as legislatures, coaches, sports, and higher education and K-12 administrators, but will be part of the peripheral investigation.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Each organization will implement this MOU and activities in support of it in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and principles concerning high professional standards. Thereby seeking to understand and identify the factors that contribute to successful undergraduate and graduate PETE programs. Thus translating to recruitment and quality improvements in the professions.

Either organization may seek collaboration with the other on current issues or topics within the agenda or strategic plan of either.

Collaborations may include but not be limited to joint statements, **task** forces, events and meetings regarding current professional and academic interest of the respective memberships. Recommended collaborations are empirical studies, white papers, best-practices recommendations, and research-based advocacy at the national and state levels.

Neither organization shall have any specified financial responsibilities or requirements in support of this MOU or any initiatives undertaken because of it. The organizations shall agree in writing regarding any financial aspects of projects undertaken jointly prior to incurring or committing to any costs.

The MOU may be terminated by either organization at its own discretion upon written notification of the other party. The termination shall be in effect 60 days following the notification. Termination shall not have any impact or prior actions taken during the period that the MOU was in effect. Disposition of any joint activities in progress shall be made by the two parties at the time of termination.

In witness whereof, the organizations through their duly authorized representatives execute this MOU on the dates indicated below.

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National Association for Kinesiology in Higher Education

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Signature

7-5-17

Date

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Society for Health and Physical Educators

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