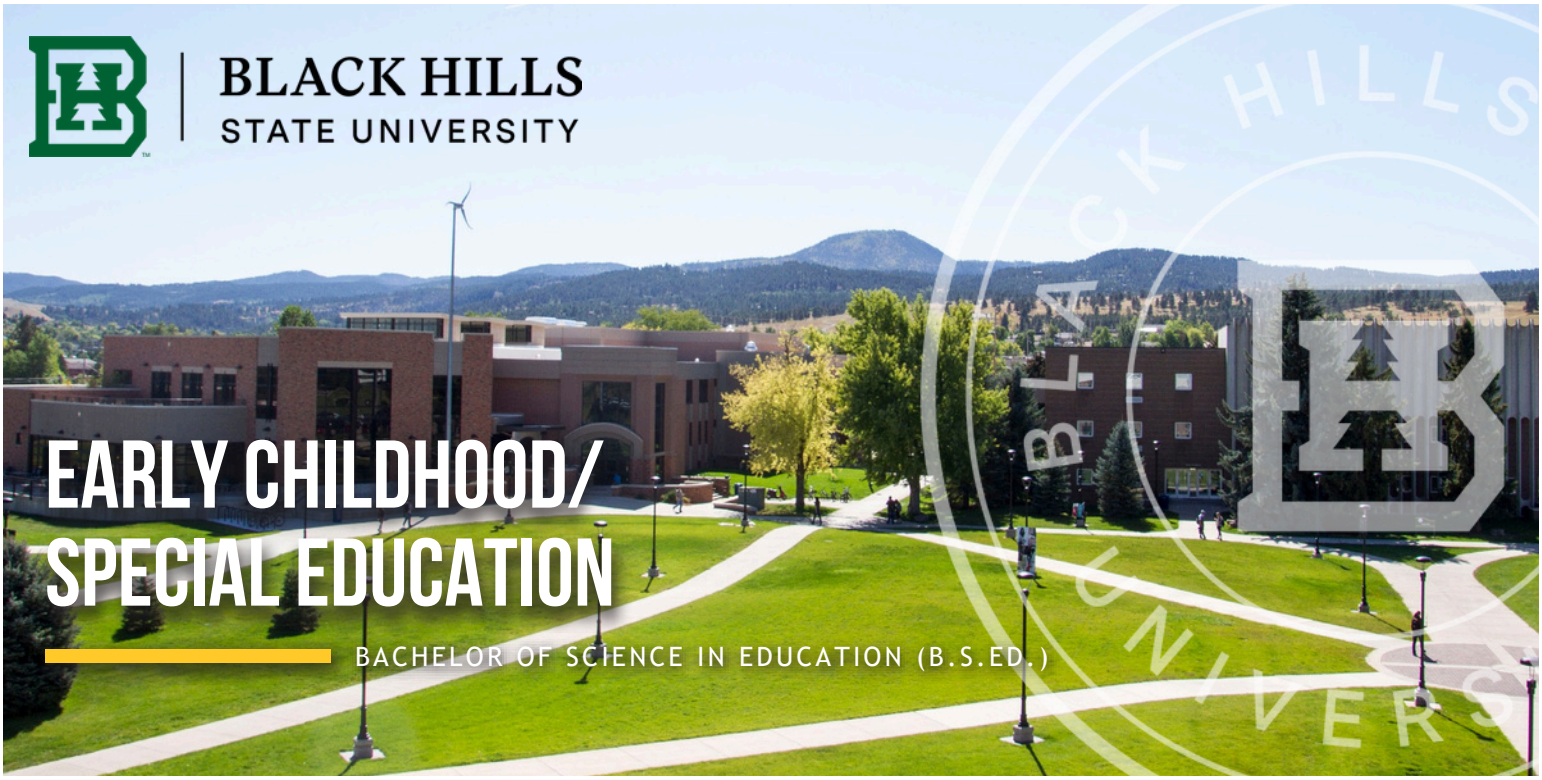
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EARLY CHILDHOOD/ SPECIAL EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION (B.S.ED.)

THE BHSU EXPERIENCE

The need for teachers with training specific to the developmental needs of a wide range of learners continues to grow. A degree in EC/SPED will prepare you to provide an education grounded in research-based practices. At BHSU, we strive to create opportunities to broaden and deepen the knowledge, skills, practices, and dispositions of individuals who will work closely with young children.

GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES in preschool through 3rd grade settings.

LEARN EARLY CHILDHOOD AND SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTENT from faculty experienced in the field.

MANY COURSES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE for added flexibility.



FIND YOUR CAREER

Our ECE/SPED major program leads to state certification for teaching:

- Birth through 3rd Grade
- Special Education Birth through 3rd Grade

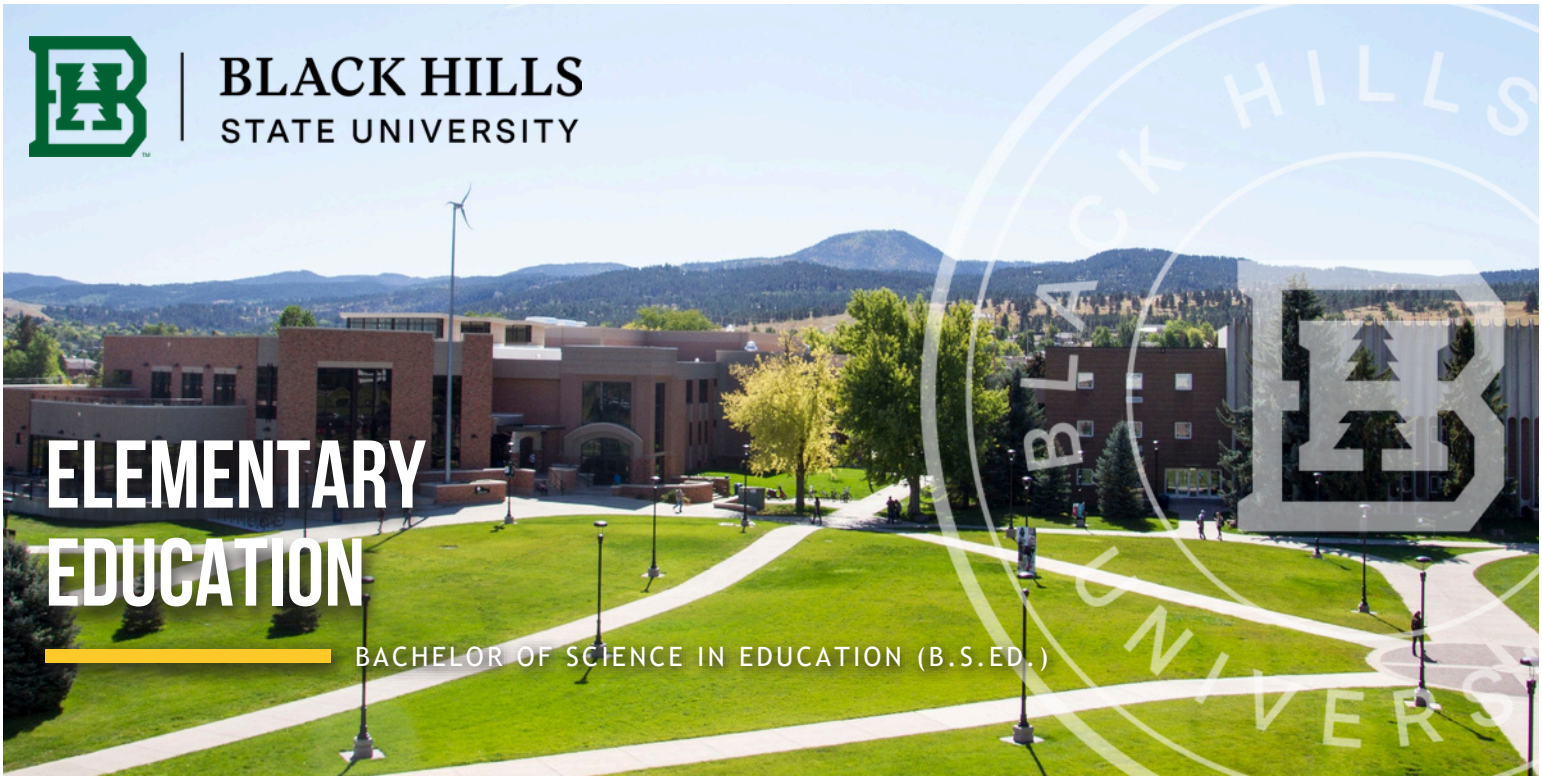
Our minors and endorsements in working with young children include:

- Early Childhood Education Endorsement
- Early Childhood Education Minor
- ECE/SPED Endorsement
- Kindergarten Endorsement
- Major Content for Head Start Teachers (non-licensure program)

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ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

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ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJORS AT BHSU

The Elementary Education Major at BHSU prepares students for successful careers in public and private schools. Black Hills State University, originally a teacher preparatory school, has a strong tradition of preparing teachers who are ready to make real differences in the lives of children.

A high percentage of graduates from the BHSU program are hired immediately in classrooms from kindergarten through grade eight. They also have the foundation to successfully continue their education in graduate schools and prepare for leadership roles beyond the classroom.

- BHSU HAS THE LARGEST TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM IN THE STATE
- WELL QUALIFIED FACULTY WITH STRONG TEACHING BACKGROUNDS MODEL CUTTING-EDGE PRACTICES
- STUDENTS SPEND TIME IN SCHOOLS WHERE MENTORS GUIDE THEM IN APPLYING THEIR KNOWLEDGE
- BHSU GRADUATES HAVE A 100% PASS RATE ON LICENSURE EXAMS
- BHSU'S TEACHER PREP PROGRAM IS NATIONALLY ACCREDITED



FIND YOUR CAREER

There are employment opportunities in a variety of sectors:

- » Elementary School Teacher
- » Instructional Coordinator
- » Middle School Teacher
- » Team Leader

With Additional Education:

- » Curriculum Director
- » Reading Specialist
- » School Administrator
- » School Guidance Counselor

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K-12 SPECIAL EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION (B.S.ED.)

THE BHSU EXPERIENCE

WORK WITH STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES A core philosophy of Special Education (SPED) is that all students can learn. The BHSU SPED program will prepare you through specialized training in instructional methods, behavior management, assessment, and assistive technologies for students with disabilities. Following completion of the program, you will be well- equipped to serve as an effective and dynamic SPED teacher.

BECOME PREPARED AND GET CERTIFIED The Black Hills State University K – 12 SPED program will prepare you to become a certified SPED teacher in Kindergarten through High School classrooms; therefore, the K-12 SPED degree will provide you with the option of teaching a variety of disabilities at any age level. You will gain field experience through an internship in a special education classroom, and a general education classroom as well.

LEARN FROM EXPERIENCED EDUCATORS The K – 12 Special Education teacher education program is rigorous and taught by faculty who hold doctorates in the field of Special Education, and have several years of experience as public school SPED teachers. The SPED faculty at BHSU will provide you with learning opportunities focused on real-world applications of state-of-the-art educational research.



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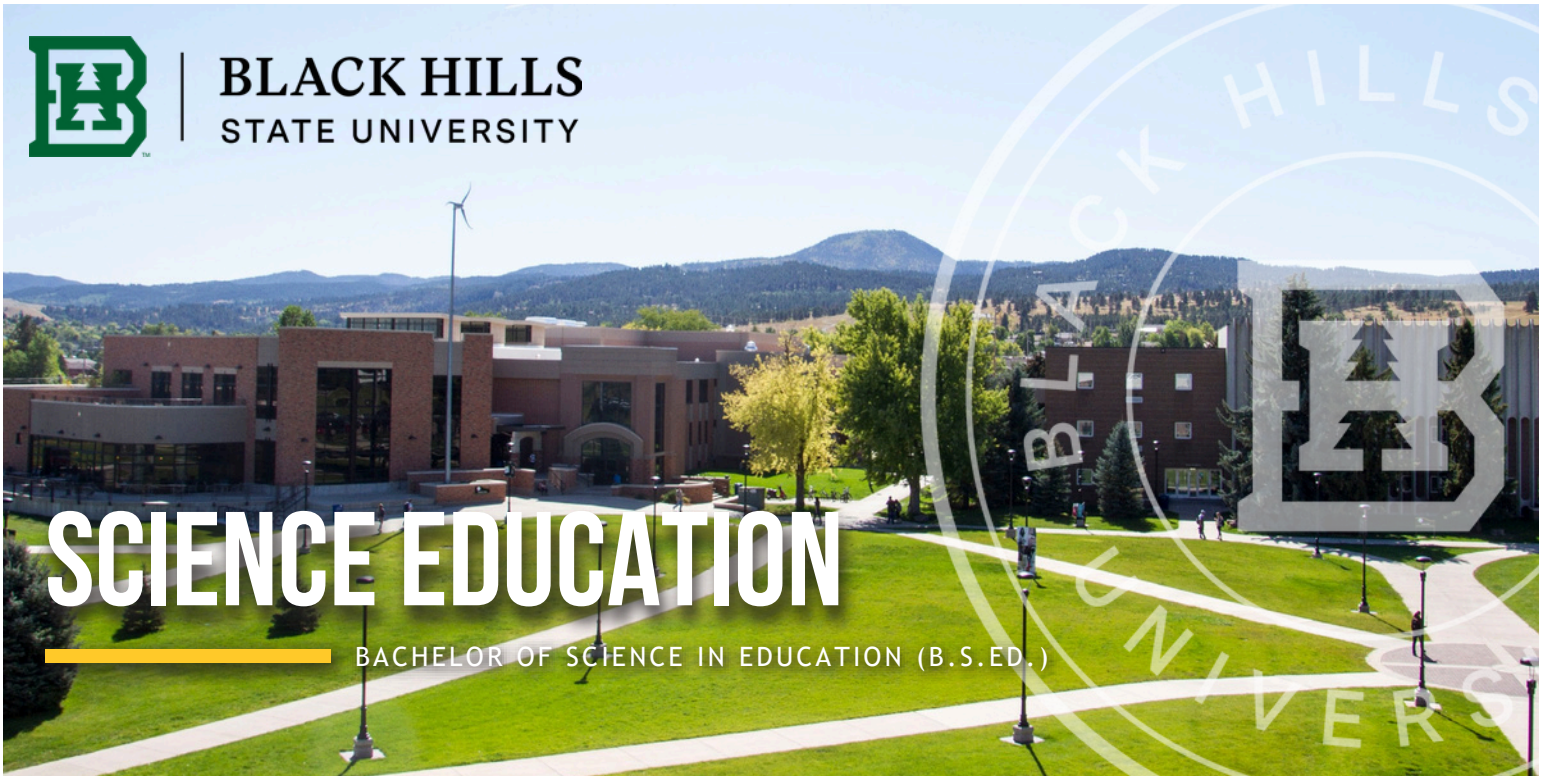
Teach students who receive special education support at all levels of schooling in the following eligibility categories:

» Autism Spectrum Disorders
» Deaf-Blindness
» Emotional-Behavioral Disorders
» Hearing Impairment/Deafness
» Intellectual Disabilities
» Learning Disabilities
» Orthopedic Impairments
» Other Health Impairments
» Speech-Language Disorders
» Visual Impairment/Blindness

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SCIENCE EDUCATION

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COMBINE SCIENCE AND PERSONABILITY

Become equipped to meet the tremendous demand for high quality science teachers throughout South Dakota and across the country with a degree in Science Education from Black Hills State University. The U.S. Department of Education lists science teachers as one of the areas in which there is a shortage of qualified teachers.

PREPARE FOR YOUR FUTURE BHSU focuses on providing an integrated curriculum that prepares future teachers to teach science. This affords students the opportunity to become deeply immersed in the content of biology, chemistry, earth science or physics while learning innovative strategies to help teach the subjects. Teaching methods include classroom observations, laboratory lessons, field experiences, and research.

ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE Participate in extensive content and clinical experience that will prepare you for teaching assignments in multiple areas of Science Education. The demand is high for teachers to be certified in science. Why not start your journey towards certification today?



FIND YOUR CAREER

This program is intended to prepare you for a career as a Science Teacher. Other employment opportunities in a variety of sectors:

» Curriculum Developer

» Museum Educator

» Zoo and Aquarium Educator

» Educational Outreach Provider

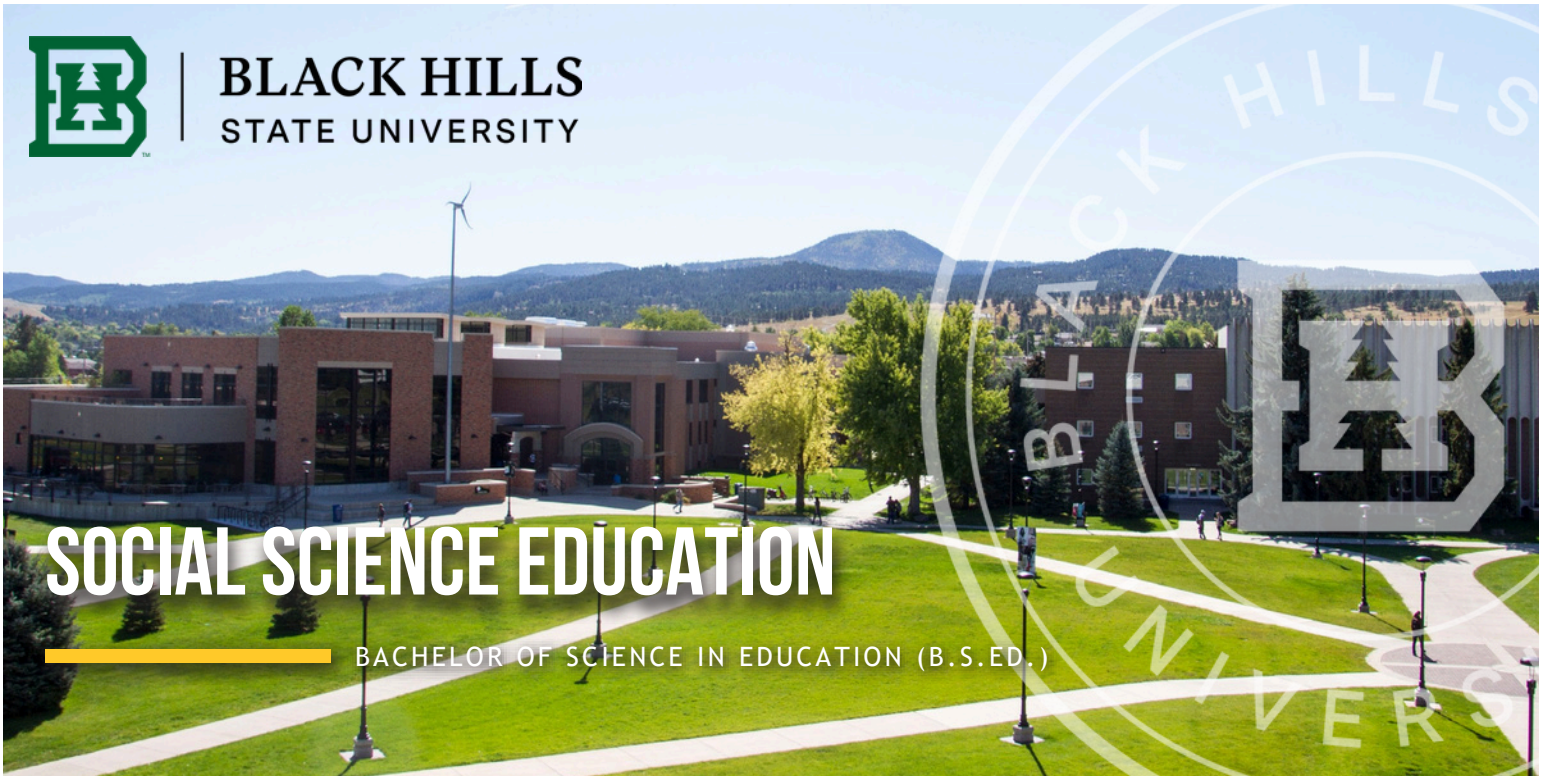
» Education Researcher

» Software Engineering

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SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION

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SOCIAL SCIENCE TEACHING MAJORS AT BHSU

Students who complete the BHSU Composite Social Science Teaching program are eligible to be certified/licensed to teach in History (American and World,) Geography, and a year- long course in Political Scince and Economics. Students of this major develop a deep understanding of the critical concept and principles of teaching and learning. At program completion, candidates are able to use discipline specific practices flexibly to advance the learning of all students. Each program of study includes three separate field experiences which provide opportunities to work in middle school and high school classrooms with students and experienced teachers. Students will acquire over 650 hours of field experience over the course of their studies.

STUDENT-CENTERED CLASSROOMS: Small class sizes allow for increased discussion and interaction with professors.

THE PRE-ADMISSION TEACHING PRACTICUM: Teacher candidates observe and assist a classroom teacher. This practicum is designed to give candidates the opportunity to see a classroom from a teacher's perspective.

THE PRE-STUDENT TEACHING PRACTICUM: This practicum has increased requirements including the planning and teaching of lessons under the guidance of the clinical educator.

THE STUDENT TEACHING INTERNSHIP: This is an experience lasting a minimum of 16 weeks. Teacher candidates under supervision of a master teacher gradually assume full responsibility for the classroom.



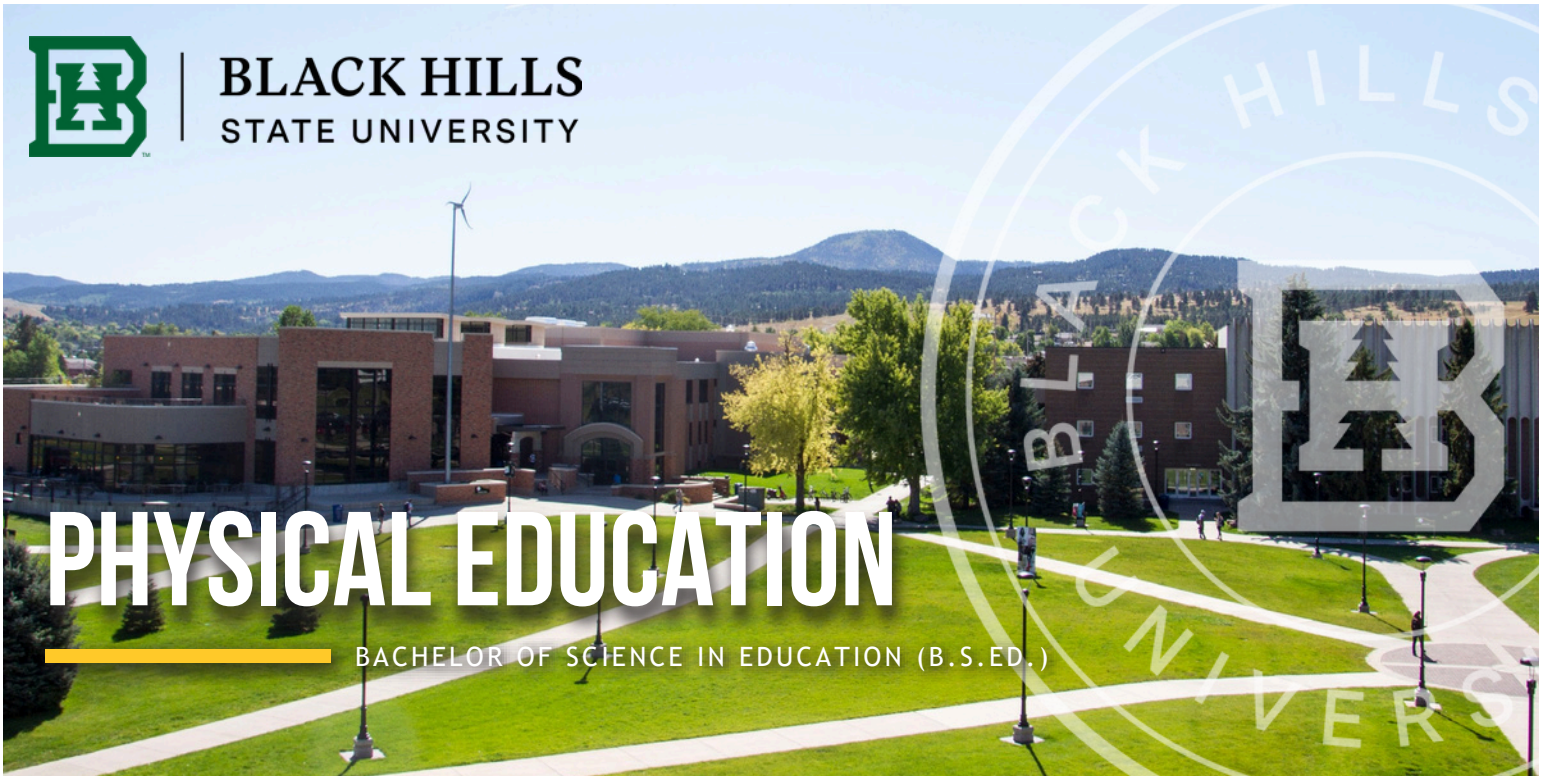
KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS DEVELOPED

» Learner Development
» Learner Differences
» Learning Environment
» Content Knowledge
» Application of Content
» Assessment
» Planning for Instruction
» Professional Learning & Ethical Practice
» Leadership and Collaboration

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCES AT BHSU

The Nationally Recognized and Accredited Physical Education Major at BHSU focuses on experiential development of your skills, knowledge, and dispositions enabling you to help K-12 students live active, healthy lifestyles.
Teacher candidates and faculty engage in collaborative learning that develops performance and teaching skills needed to create, teach and assess standards-based physical education lessons. Graduate placement is nearly 100%!

- FOCUS ON EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
- ACCESS TO THE ONLY KINESTHETIC LEARNING LAB IN THE REGION
- GAIN NATIONAL RECOGNITION
  - Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE America)
  - Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Preparation
- MULTIPLE NATIONAL PE MAJOR OF THE YEAR WINNERS
- PRESENT COLLABORATIVELY teacher candidates and faculty present at state or regional conferences



FIND YOUR CAREER

The primary purpose of the Physical Education program at BHSU is preparing highly qualified and certified K-12 Physical Education teachers

Other opportunities include directors and specialists for:

- Corporate environments
- Correctional facilities
- Cruise ships
- Recreation facilities
- Resorts
- Senior centers

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