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Section I: The Action

The Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) in the College of Education and Human Services at Utah State University proposes to rename the Master of Education (MEd) in Health, Physical Education and Recreation degree to Master of Education in Physical and Sport Education.

Section II: Need

The existing HPER degree name was created to mirror the name of the department, but does not reflect the focus of this degree’s curriculum and does not accurately represent the expertise of students who earn the degree. Specifically, the curriculum does not include content in health and recreation. A renaming of the Master of Education degree to Physical and Sport Education accurately represents the academic focus of the degree.

Section III: Institutional Impact

Renaming of the MEd degree offered by the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation will not have any negative impact on enrollment, administration structure, faculty or facilities. The new degree name will more accurately reflect the student’s preparation and will positively impact understanding of a student’s expertise for potential employers.

Section IV: Finances

There is no additional budgetary impact due to this degree name change.