Dear APE Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Adapted Physical Education (APE) grant program at CSU, Chico. Students pursuing an APE Authorization or a Master’s degree in Adapted Physical Activity may apply for funding under the federal grant Training in Interdisciplinary Education and Research (TIER).

The grant program is funded from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs. In accordance with this project’s requirements, you will be required to perform work related to working with children with disabilities who have high intensity needs upon completion of the program.

Applicants pursuing the APE Master's Degree must hold a bachelors’ degree focused toward the teaching of physical education, such as a Single Subject credential in Physical Education, a Multiple Subjects credential, or a current Preliminary Education Specialist credential. Additional requirements may be required for individuals whose undergraduate work is NOT in physical education.

Enclosed you will find the following items:

1. Application for APE TIER Grant for the upcoming Fall semester.
2. Student Objectives and Responsibilities for the APE TIER Grant.

Please submit the Application for the APE TIER Grant with the appropriate documentation as soon as possible. Please contact me if you have questions or to determine specific course requirements at (530) 898-4298.

Sincerely,

Rebecca K. Lytle, Ph.D.
Program Director
The CSU, Chico Adapted Physical Education Program is pleased to announce the availability of grant funding to help students obtain a Master’s Degree in adapted physical activity. The Training in Interdisciplinary Education and Research (TIER) grant is a federally funded grant to train students to work with children with disabilities who have high intensity needs in the field of adapted physical education.

Full-time grant recipients receive funding in the form of a stipend that can be used for tuition, books, living expenses, or conference travel. If selected as a participant in the TIER project, you may receive up to $20,300 dollars of funding over a maximum of four semesters.

To apply for the APE TIER Grant, submit a complete application by April 15th.

**Checklist for a Complete Application**

- [ ] Form A: Application for APE TIER Grant
- [ ] Form B: Applicant Data Survey
- [ ] A typed letter of application (2 pages maximum) which addresses your career goals, including your experience working with individuals with disabilities.
- [ ] An up-to-date resume
- [ ] One official transcript of all college work
- [ ] Information for three references (Name, Job Title, Phone, Email Address)
- [ ] Two letters of recommendation, from two of the three references above
- [ ] Be sure you have also submitted a completed application for admission to CSU, Chico, for Graduate Studies for the Department of Kinesiology. For details go to [https://www.csuchico.edu/graduatestudies/](https://www.csuchico.edu/graduatestudies/). Graduate School Application forms are available at [https://www.csuchico.edu/graduatestudies/](https://www.csuchico.edu/graduatestudies/)

Deliver or mail complete TIER application materials to:

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APE Program, Kinesiology Department  
CSU, Chico  
Chico, CA  95929-0330  

Phone: (530) 898-4298  
Email: rlytle@csuchico.edu
Application for APE TIER Grant

Name _______________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Street Address _____________________________________________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State _________ Zip Code _______________________

Home Phone ________________________ Work Phone _________________________ Cell Phone _________________________

SSN ________________________________ Date of Birth _______________________________

Email address ______________________________________________________________________________________________________

Employment

Place of Employment ______________________________________________________________________________________________

Employment Address _____________________________________________________________________________________________

Position ___________________________ Supervisor ______________________________

Course of study at CSU, Chico (check all that apply)

☐ Master’s degree in Kinesiology with a course of study in APE: Expected completion date:_____

Do you currently have a credential to teach in California? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, name of credential(s): ________________________________________________________________

Do you currently have a credential to teach in another State? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which state and which credential(s): ______________________________________________________

Are you currently working as a teacher? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe): ________________________________________________________________

Are you bilingual? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, which language(s) ________________________________

Will you apply for financial aid funds for the Fall semester at CSU, Chico? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Education

College/University Course of Study Completed Units GPA Degree Earned

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Applicant Data Survey

We consider all applicants without regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, marital or veteran status, sexual orientation, or any other legally protected status. Please note the following exception: United States government guidelines require all recipients of funds from our current federal grant be U.S. Citizens.

This survey is not a part of your official application for the grant program and will not be used in any decision regarding the award. The purpose of the Applicant Data Survey is to comply with government record-keeping, reporting, and other legal requirements. Completing this survey is strictly voluntary.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Position(s) applied for          Grant funding in APE TIER Grant   Date 

Name __________________________ Telephone __________________________

Last First Middle

Address ____________________________________________________________

Number, Street, Apt City State Zip Code

Referral Source(s)

☐ Advertisement in (name) __________________________________________

☐ Conference ______________________________________________________

☐ Referred by (name) ____________________________________________

☐ Other __________________________________________________________

☐ Web site _________________________________________________________

Equal Employment Opportunity Identification Groups

Date of Birth: _________________ Please check one:  ☐ Male  ☐ Female

(Month/Day/Year)

Please check one:  ☐ Caucasian  ☐ African  ☐ Hispanic  ☐ Asian/Pacific Islander

☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native  ☐ Other __________________________

Please check if any of the following are applicable:

☐ Vietnam Era Veteran  ☐ Veteran with a Disability

☐ Individual with a disability  ☐ Re-entry student

I understand that I’m providing this information voluntarily and it will be kept strictly confidential.

_________________________ ________________________________
Signature Date

Form B
Adapted Physical Education TIER Grant
Master’s Degree Program
Training in Interdisciplinary Education and Research

Student Objectives

1. Complete a master’s degree in adapted physical education.

2. Participate in early field experiences with the Chico State KIDS PLAY program, the BE:WEL program, Speech and Hearing Clinic, and the Sensory and Motor Autism Clinic, in addition to other services which will further the availability of quality physical education programs for children with disabilities who have significant needs.

3. Develop the necessary skills to become an expert teacher of multicultural students with disabilities who have high intensity needs.

4. Address the needs of children with disabilities, including early intervention, school-aged population, and transition programs utilizing evidence-based practices.

5. Facilitate the development of successful and mutually beneficial partnerships with other disciplines and with children's families to support effective service delivery.

Student Responsibilities

1. Notify Dr. Rebecca Lytle, program director of the APE TIER Grant, of all changes in address and employment status until the service obligation has been satisfied. rlytle@csuchico.edu

2. Log-in to the PDPDCS website and update records over 6 months https://pdp.ed.gov/OSEP/

3. Students are expected to participate in 10-15 hours per week in field experience placements per semester. Contracts for field experience hours are to be completed at the beginning of each semester in collaboration with the program advisor.

4. Maintain satisfactory progress toward the degree.
   GPA requirements: GPA 3.0 in each graduate course.

5. Attend all mandatory grant recipient meetings, (typically 1-2 per semester) and monthly seminars.

6. All grant-funded students are expected to attend all classes, demonstrate model academic behavior, be independent thinkers and learners, and be punctual and professional in all interactions with parents, children, peers, and community programs.

7. Take and pass the comprehensive exams for the Master's Degree program within two years of entering the program.