



## APENS EXAM

Adapted Physical Education National Standards Examination

Monday – July 15, 2019

8:30 – 11:30 a.m. – Placido Boardroom

You may or may not be aware that there is a National Certification for Adapted Physical Educators. Many organizations support this certification including the American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation, American Association of School Administrators, Adapted Physical Activity Council, National Association of State Directors of Special Education, National Association of Sport and Physical Education, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals. More and more school districts in the State of Texas are requiring individuals teaching adapted physical education to pass the Adapted Physical Education National Standards (APENS) Exam. Texas has been strong in the promotion and delivery of APE but it is important that individuals providing physical education services to students with disabilities meet at least a minimal standard of competency. Even if your school district does not require certification, passing the APENS examination, and subsequent status as a Certified Adapted Physical Educator, is one way for our profession to insure accountability in teaching students with disabilities.

On July 15, 2019, the APENS Examination will be administered in San Marcos during the Annual Summer Conference and on-site registrations will be accepted. The examination will be from 8:30 – 11:30 am in the Placido Boardroom, located on the first floor of the Embassy Suites Conference Center. If you are pre-registered for the exam (see below) you should arrive no later than 8:15 am. If you are registering on-site you should arrive at 8:00 am to complete the Examination Application (Part 1) prior to the 8:30 am start of the examination (see below for on-site registration information). **Please check eligibility requirements carefully prior to committing to sit for the exam as the new criteria now includes 12 credit hours specifically addressing the needs of individuals with disabilities. Up to three of these credits may be awarded through documented professional experience in APE and three from a related field.**

The examination and certification application is divided into a two-part process. Part One: Examination Application is a short application requesting basic information necessary to sit for the examination, including test site choices; personal and biographical information; and the application and examination terms. Part Two: Certification Application consists of the remainder of the application process, which is necessary in order to receive certification after passing the examination. This includes: a current license or certificate to teach physical education; verification of 200 hours teaching experience and/or practica hours providing direct instruction in physical education to individuals with disabilities; the endorsement of a supervisor or administrator; academic preparation information (including official transcripts from each college/university attended which now include 12 credit hours in APE); and verification and notarization of the application. Individuals may wait until receiving their examination results before submitting Part Two, or submit both Part One and Part Two together, prior to the examination.

Two options are available for registering for the examination in San Marcos:

**Pre-registration** – To receive an application packet call 1-607-753-4969, email [chairman@apens.org](mailto:chairman@apens.org) or go to the APENS website [www.apens.org](http://www.apens.org) and print out the application materials. Part One of the Examination Application must be completed prior to the exam. The Examination Application and the \$150 examination fee must be received in the APENS Office no later than June 17, 2019 if you are pre-registering. Applicants pre-registering must bring a photo ID in order to be admitted on the day of the exam. Reminder: Upon passing the examination, you will need to submit additional information to receive certification, including: part two of the application, a copy of current teaching certification in physical education, verification of at least 200 hours of experience teaching physical education directly to individuals with disabilities, and official transcripts from each college/university attended. **Please check eligibility requirements carefully prior to committing to sit for the exam as the new criteria now includes 12 credit hours specifically addressing the needs of individuals with disabilities. Up to three of these credits may be awarded through documented professional experience in APE and three from a related field.**

**On-site Registration** – Register on-site in San Marcos. Registration for the APENS Exam in San Marcos will take place from 8:00 – 8:20 am in the Placido Boardroom, located on the first floor of the Embassy Suites Conference Center. The exam will start at 8:30 am and all candidates must be in the room at that time. Individuals registering on-site must complete Part One of the Examination Application, provide the \$150 examination fee (check or money orders only should be made payable to APENS), and have a photo ID to be admitted to the examination. Reminder: Upon passing the examination, you will need to submit additional information to receive certification, including: part two of the application, a copy of current teaching certification in physical education, verification of at least 200 hours of experience teaching physical education directly to individuals with disabilities, and official transcripts from each college/university attended. **Please check eligibility requirements carefully prior to committing to sit for the exam as the new criteria now includes 12 credit hours specifically addressing the needs of individuals with disabilities. Up to three of these credits may be awarded through documented professional experience in APE and three from a related field.**

Potential certification candidates in higher education should be aware of an additional option that is available for individuals who do not meet our current examination and certification criteria (i.e., Part Two: Certification Application). These individuals can apply to become a Certified Adapted Physical Educator (CAPE) without taking the examination if they meet the alternative criteria described in Section #2 of the application. This information is available on the APENS website [www.apens.org](http://www.apens.org).

Contact Deborah Buswell at [buswelld@sfasu.edu](mailto:buswelld@sfasu.edu) or 936-468-1661 for additional exam dates this summer.