



Personal Training Certificate

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Personal Training Curriculum

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Program Courses

Course Code	Title	Course Outlines	Goal Areas	Credits
EXSC 1050	Weight Training and	View-EXSC 1050	n/a	1
EXSC 1060	Advanced Weight Training and	View-EXSC 1060	n/a	2
HLTH 1070	Nutrition and	View-HLTH 1070	n/a	3
EXSC 2100	Concepts of Training and	View-EXSC 2100	n/a	3
EXSC 2110	Advanced Fitness Assessment & Exercise Prescription and	View-EXSC 2110	n/a	3
EXSC 2150	Science and Practice of Strength and Conditioning and	View-EXSC 2150	n/a	3
EXSC 2270	Essentials of Sport & Exercise Nutrition	View-EXSC 2270	n/a	3

NHCC Residency and GPA

9 Credits must be earned at NHCC

Total Credits Required

18

Notes

Upon completion of EXSC 2100, students will have the opportunity to sit for and earn the NCSF Certified Personal Trainer (CPT) exam. Additionally, upon completion of EXSC 2150, students will have the opportunity to sit for and earn the NCSF Certified Strength Coach (CSC) certification, and upon completion of EXSC 2270, students will have the opportunity to sit for and earn the NCSF Sport Nutrition Specialist (SNS) certification. Students who complete the Personal Training Certificate program may choose to continue their education by completing the EXSC Transfer Pathway A.S. Degree at NHCC. In addition, after completing their A.S. Degree, students may further their education by completing their BS in EXSC at NHCC through the University Partnership with SMSU, or can choose to transfer to any MN State University to which the current pathway allows a seamless transfer.

Program Overview

2024-2025

This certificate program prepares students to develop individualized exercise programs and provide knowledgeable information on weight loss, weight gain, muscle strengthening, and flexibility. According to the American College of Sports Medicine, Personal Training is the third fastest growing occupation in the nation. The certificate program is designed to assist students in developing skills to be successful in the areas of the fitness industry, business, sports, and coaching. Areas of study include: health and fitness, kinesiology, and concepts of personal training. Included in the program is an internship on campus which would allow practical application of concepts learned in the areas of exercise prescription and implementation of individualized programs for fellow students or employees.

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Program Outcomes

Knowledge of Human Cultures and the Physical and Natural World

- Apply principles, skills, and methods related to biomechanics, exercise physiology, health promotion, exercise prescription and sport psychology..

Intellectual and Practical Skills

- Inquiry and analysis: Apply the clinical and epidemiological evidence linking physical activity and exercise to mental and physical health..
- Critical and creative thinking: Apply the scientific method to solve problems related to physical activity and health..

- **Written and oral communication:** Utilize oral and written communication that meets appropriate professional and scientific standards in the field of Kinesiology/Exercise Science..
- **Quantitative literacy:** Evaluate the effectiveness of human movement using mechanical principles.
- **Information literacy:** Associate the organic, skeletal, and neuromuscular structures of the human body to psychological factors associated with diverse physical activities..

Teamwork and problem solving: Work effectively in teams by valuing collaboration, providing service to others, and developing relational techniques for lifelong learning and problem solving.

Personal and Social Responsibility and Engagement

- **Civic knowledge and involvement; campus, local and global:** Apply Fitness/Kinesiology related skills to real world problems through empirical research, internships, field experience, and/or service learning.
- **Intercultural knowledge and competence:** Demonstrate leadership and social responsibility to improve quality of life for others and ensure equitable access for diverse groups by creating appropriate environments to initiate and maintain a physically active, healthy lifestyle.
- **Ethical reasoning and action:** Model behavior consistent with that of a Kinesiology professional, including 1) advocacy for a healthy, active lifestyle, 2) adherence to professional ethics, 3) service to others, 4) shared responsibility and successful collaboration with peers, and 5) pursuit of learning beyond NHCC.
- **Foundations and skills for lifelong learning:** Safely Develop an individualized exercise prescription based on scientific principles and appropriate evaluation techniques designed to reduce the risk of chronic disease and avoid injuries.

Integrative and Applied Learning:

- **Synthesis and advanced accomplishment** across general education, liberal studies, specialized studies and activities in the broader campus community.
- **Assimilate, analyze, synthesize and integrate** concepts related to the exercise science field.

- Students will also be able to sit for professional certifications related to personal training, including but not limited to those offered by the National Academy of Sports Medicine, the American Council on Exercise, and select others.
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Program Maps

Program roadmaps provide students with a guide to understand the recommended course sequence to complete their degree.

- [Personal Training Certificate Program Roadmap Full Time](#)
 - [Personal Training Certificate Program Roadmap Part Time](#)
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Career Opportunities

Information on careers, including career descriptions, salary data, and employment outlook is available on the [Bureau of Labor Statistics website](#) and [O*Net Online website](#).

Transfer Information

If you are planning on transferring to another institution, follow the guidelines available on our transfer resources web page to help you plan the process: [Transfer Information](#)

Degree Information

Certificates may be earned for successful completion of courses in a specialized program of study with a minimum grade point average of 2.00 (C). A certificate shall include 9 to 30 semester credits. At least one third of the total credits required for each certificate must be completed at North Hennepin Community College.

Developmental Courses Some students may need preparatory course(s) in Math and/or English. Courses numbered below 1000 will not apply toward a degree.

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Accreditation

North Hennepin Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

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