You want to teach physical education (PE)

To teach physical education you will follow the program of study under kinesiology-certification. This is a k-12 program (you will be certified to teach PE grades EC-12); this program in teacher education is part of secondary education. Don’t be confused by this, even though it seems odd 😊. The other program in Teacher Education is elementary education (EC-6) for classroom teachers.

There are five steps to becoming a physical education teacher:

1. Decide and make a plan
2. Apply for admission (at 60 credits)
3. Apply for Early Field Experience (spring before taking Kine 4100)
4. Apply for student teaching (the semester before student teaching)
5. Student teach; take tests and apply for a license.

Step 1.

Once you decide, see your advisor and make a plan.

Degree requirements are in the catalog:

http://catalog.unt.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=9&poid=2185&returnto=518

Step 2.

At 60 hours you should apply for admission (before taking KINE 3550, 3560 and 4100).

To apply for admission you:
A. Go to academic advisor (COE):
   a. A signed Application for Admission to Teacher Education
   b. An official degree audit with certification
B. To be admitted to the Teacher Education program, a student must have:
   o Junior standing (minimum of 60 earned hours)
   o A 2.75 overall GPA and a 2.75 UNT GPA
   o Acceptable scores on the THEA (240 reading, 230 math, and 220 writing) or exemptions based on SAT, ACT or TAKS/TAAS scores
   o Approved online interview questionnaire
C. Complete the on-line interview (in TK20—you do not have to purchase TK20 to do this part)
D. Take the fitness test (scheduled once each semester)
E. Once admitted to teacher education purchase TK20 (or for some students enrolled in KINE 3560 or KINE 3550 who will be admitted later).
Step 3.

The semester before (in the spring before) taking KINE 4100 you must apply for Early Field Experience (EFE) using TK20. Dates for meetings and application are available at:

http://www.coe.unt.edu/clinical-practice-office/calendar

More information is available at the Clinical Practice Office:

http://www.coe.unt.edu/clinical-practice-office

Step 4.

Apply for student teaching via the Office of Field Experience on TK20.

Contact the College of Education Student Advising Office, 940-565-2736; Matthews Hall, Room 105; or go to www.unt.edu/sao for additional information.

Step 5.

To receive final approval for teacher certification, students must have:

- Completion of all requirements of an approved 127-hour degree plan.
- Grades of C or better for each kinesiology and each PHED course.
- Minimum 2.75 GPA in each of the following areas: each teaching field, all education courses, all UNT work, overall.
- Successful completion of student teaching (see Eligibility for teacher certification requirements listed under the Department of Teacher Education and Administration in this catalog for details).
- Successful scores on appropriate sections of the Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES).