The programs of study in the Athletic Coaching minor and Athletic Coaching Certificate of Completion seek to develop knowledge about the coaching profession. The curriculum at VCSU prepares students academically to assume a knowledge base appropriate for entrance into the coaching profession. Students completing either the minor or certificate also meet the requirements of employment in the surrounding states and region.

**Practical Experience**
As a student in either the minor or certificate of completion program, you will also complete a supervised Coaching Practicum. In this experience, the student will work with a coaching mentor in an actual coaching experience. During this period, students will also complete the NFHS Concussion Course and the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching, which are required in many states for employment.

**Technology**
- Notebook computers with DVD burners and multimedia capabilities
- Digital cameras, video cameras, and other peripherals
- Blackboard online learning environments

**Career Services Provides**
- Career, job search, placement services free to all students
- Field trips, employer on-campus visits
- Information, networking opportunities and skill development
- Visit www.vcsu.edu/careerservices/

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**Athletic Coaching Minor and Certificate of Completion**

**Required General Education Courses**
BIOL 111 Concepts of Bio (recommended) 4

**Required Courses**
- HPER 109 Exercise Techniques and Program Design 3
- HPER 207 Prevent & Care of Athletic Injuries 2
- HPER 210 First Aid & CPR 1
- HPER 350 Sport Ethics 2
- HPER 498 Coaching Practicum 2

Students taking Coaching Practicum must register for HPER 498 and arrange the Practicum through the course instructor. Prerequisites: HPER 207 and HPER 210

**Minor Electives**
- Must complete two of the following:
  - HPER 301 Phil & Appl of Football Coaching 2
  - HPER 302 Phil & Appl of Basketball Coaching 2
  - HPER 303 Phil & Appl of Volleyball Coaching 2
  - HPER 304 Phil & Appl of Baseball/Softball Coaching 2
  - HPER 305 Phil & Appl of Track & Field Coaching 2

**Certificate of Completion Electives**
- Must complete on of the following:
  - HPER 338 Modern Sports Officiating 2
  - HPER 410 Administration of HPE & Athletics 2
  - HPER 425 Soc/Pycz Aspects Sport & PE 2

- or- a third coaching class

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**Certificate of Completion**

**Electives**
- Must complete one of the following:
  - HPER 301 Phil & Appl of Football Coaching 2
  - HPER 302 Phil & Appl of Basketball Coaching 2
  - HPER 303 Phil & Appl of Volleyball Coaching 2
  - HPER 304 Phil & Appl of Baseball/Softball Coaching 2
  - HPER 305 Phil & Appl of Track & Field Coaching 2
  - HPER 499 Directed Readings/Special Topics 2