

SPARK *university* **FAQ's**

Q: What SPARK program do you recommend for my students – they're all elementary PE majors?

A: We recommend SPARKuniversity elementary for physical education (PE) majors and generalists. We created SPARKu be effective and affordable for either/both groups of pre-service teachers. SPARKuniversity elementary is a subset of the terrific content from the SPARK K-2 and 3-6 programs and includes everything a student needs to learn and teach SPARK well; e.g., lesson plans, assessment tools, videos, skill and task cards, and more. Plus, SPARKuniversity is not a large, comprehensive program like our regular SPARK Sets (K-2, 3-6, middle, high school) for PE professionals. Students in a semester or quarter course don't need all that content and we believe they shouldn't have to pay for it.

Q: My elementary methods course consists of future classroom teachers; we don't offer a PE major at our university. Which option do you recommend for generalists?

A: SPARKuniversity is the best way to go for future classroom teachers (generalists) and/or majors. The content is varied enough in complexity that instructors can easily modify and shape their courses to meet the needs of their students.

Q: I have a secondary methods class consisting of PE majors. Does SPARK have something for my students?

A: Yes -- our new SPARK University Secondary e-text is an excellent choice for your course. It's a compilation of some of the best content from our middle and high school PE programs, re-formatted especially for pre-service teachers. Like SPARKuniversity elementary, it's complete with everything secondary students need and their professors want to include, segmented in themes and concepts and organized digitally to align with how you like to present the material.

Q: I teach graduate classes for Masters and Ph.D. students. Which option is best for me?

A: If your students have already used SPARKuniversity during their undergraduate courses, it might be wise to expand and require an entire SPARK program – any one of the three Set options. Each will provide a great deal more content and resources for you and enable deeper dives into both curriculum development and pedagogical applications.

Q: Do you offer training and support/consultation for me?

A: Yes, each Summer we offer different Physical Education Institutes – K-2, 3-6, Middle School, and High School. Each provides two full days with our top presenters; and we highly recommend you attend one in your focus area. You'll learn SPARKu content, instructional methods, discuss ways other instructors use SPARK with their university students, and leave ready to integrate SPARKu into your classes. You may even have your registration waived if VIP passes are available. Call or email SPARK to see if you qualify. Please click here for more information on SPARK Institutes.

Q: Do you offer training for my students?

A: Yes, we would be happy to do a webinar or even an on-site workshop for you/your students/other dept. colleagues on campus. These will vary from free to a charge depending on a number of variables. Please call or email SPARK and let's have a conversation about what you'd like, where you're located, how many people, etc., and we can give you an accurate quote for services rendered.