# **Applied Learning**

# 2026-28 Cohort; 2028 HKDSE

Item	Description
1. Course Title	Exercise and Fitness Coaching
2. Course Provider	Hong Kong College of Technology
3. Area of Studies/ Course Cluster	Applied Science/ Sports
4. Medium of Instruction	Chinese or English
5. Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:  (i) demonstrate an understanding of the basic concepts of exercise science and fitness training, the importance of exercise and fitness, and the benefits of regular exercise;  (ii) illustrate the safety concerns and demonstrate a basic understanding of the work ethics in exercise and fitness coaching;  (iii) demonstrate the basic training and communication skills in delivering exercise and fitness training activities;  (iv) apply fitness testing and assessment skills in exercise and fitness training activities;  (v) integrate knowledge and skills of exercise and fitness, and apply critical thinking and analytical skills to design appropriate exercise and fitness training activities;  (vi) demonstrate interpersonal and collaborative skills through implementing exercise and fitness training activities and practices; and  (vii) enhance self-understanding and explore directions on further studies and career pursuits.

# 6. Curriculum Map - Organisation and Structure

#### **Theory Modules**

#### Module 1: Fitness and Health (20 hours)

- 1. Exercise, Health and Fitness
- 2. Body Composition
- 3. Cardio-respiratory Endurance Fitness
- 4. Flexibility and Muscular Fitness
- 5. Stress Management
- 6. Risk Management of Fitness Training

# Module 2: Fitness Testing and Assessment (20 hours)

- 1. Functions of Fitness Tests
- 2. Classification of Fitness Tests
- 3. Assessment Standards
- 4. Practical Skills

#### Module 5: Exercise Science (20 hours)

- 1. Human Anatomy
- 2. Energy System
- 3. Exercise Training Adaptations
- 4. Exercises Skills Learning
- 5. Nutrition and Exercise Performance

#### **Practical Modules**

#### **Module 3: Functional Training (20 hours)**

- 1. Basic Movement
- 2. Push and Pull Strength Training
- 3. Resistance Training
- 4. Core Training
- 5. Breathing Techniques

### **Module 4: Stretching Exercises (20 hours)**

- 1. Stretching Methods
- 2. Practising Different Muscle Groups and Joints for Different Sports
- 3. Stretching Safety Guidelines
- 4. Basic Anatomical Knowledge

#### Module 6: Selected Ball Game (20 hours)

- 1. Warm-up and Adjustment
- 2. Group Organisation and Instruction of Team
- 3. Training Arrangement and Coaching Skills
- 4. Rules and Regulations

### Module 7: Coaching, Training Planning and Implementation (60 hours)

- 1. Roles and Responsibilities of Coaching
- 2. Communication Skills for Coaching
- 3. Basic Management Skills
- 4. Sports Injury Prevention
- 5. Application of Exercise Psychology in Coaching
- 6. Training Session Planning
- 7. Analysing and Setting Training Objectives
- 8. Designing and Planning a Training Session
- 9. Coaching Practice

#### 7. The Context

- The information on possible further study and career pathways is provided to enhance students' understanding of the wider context of the specific Applied Learning course.
- The recognition of Applied Learning courses for admission to further studies and career opportunities is at the discretion of relevant institutions. Students who have successfully completed Applied Learning courses have to meet other entry requirements as specified by the institutions.

### Possible further study and career pathways

## Further studies

• e.g. courses related to sports, recreation and leisure management, sports studies, fitness and health

#### Career development

 e.g. sports coach, fitness instructor, sports event officer, sports executive, recreation and sports facilities manager

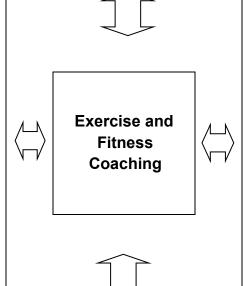
# Complementarity with core subjects and other elective subjects

#### Enhancing and enriching, e.g.

- students taking Physical Education may apply the knowledge of exercise science and fitness to design and implement a fitness training class in the practical
- students taking Health
   Management and Social Care may
   apply the knowledge of fitness and
   health, sports development to
   promote the concept of healthy
   living to community

#### Expanding horizons, e.g.

 students taking other subjects, e.g.
 Chinese History, may broaden their knowledge in exercise science and fitness



## Relations with other Areas of Studies/ courses of Applied Learning

e.g.

#### **Applied Science**

- apply the knowledge of psychology to understand how to motivate the participants in exercise training
- apply knowledge of nutrition to understand how to enhance fitness and performance of athletes

### Foundation knowledge developed in junior secondary education

The course is built upon the foundation knowledge students acquired in, e.g.

- Chinese Language Education and English Language Education oral and written communication skills
- Physical Education motor learning, food and nutrition
- Science Education basic human physiology

# 8. Learning and Teaching

In this course, student-centred learning and teaching activities are designed to enable students to understand fundamental theories and concepts, develop their generic skills, and address their career aspirations in exercise and fitness coaching.

Different modes of activities are employed to provide students with a systematic understanding about the context (e.g. lectures on the theories of fitness and health, exercise science, and coaching) and eye-opening opportunities to experience the complexity of the context (e.g. experience sharing by industry practitioners to have a better understanding of the latest development and trends of the sports industry).

Students acquire an understanding of the requirements, fundamental knowledge and skills essential for further learning within the area through learning-by-practising opportunities in an authentic or near-authentic environment (e.g. practical sessions on exercise training and fitness testing and assessment enable students to have a better understanding of the basic concept of exercise science and fitness training; applying the knowledge to planning and implementation of exercise and fitness training; industry practitioners introducing pathways for further studies and career development).

Students are given opportunities to consolidate their learning and demonstrate entrepreneurship and innovation (e.g. integrate the knowledge of fitness and health, exercise science, and coaching to plan and implement appropriate exercise and fitness training activities for different populations).

# 9. Curriculum Pillars of Applied Learning

Through related contexts, students have different learning opportunities, for example:

## (i) Career-related Competencies

- identify the roles, importance and impacts of exercise and fitness in our society;
- apply the basic concept of exercise science to exercise and fitness training; and
- analyse the development trends of the sports industry and identify opportunities for further studies and career development.

# (ii) Foundation Skills

- demonstrate the ability to present ideas and relevant information in preparing the exercise and fitness training proposals;
- demonstrate communication skills in coaching through explaining and demonstrating exercise and fitness training skills; and
- apply mathematical skills to calculate and interpret the body composition and weight control, and results of fitness tests and assessments.

## (iii) Thinking Skills

- analyse the results of fitness tests and assessments, and provide suggestions on the related fitness training;
- apply critical thinking skills to solve the issues related to coaching ethics and profession; and
- apply problem-solving skills to design and implement appropriate exercise and fitness training activities.

## (iv) People Skills

- apply self-management skills to plan and implement exercise and fitness training activities;
- demonstrate interpersonal skills when dealing with conflict situations among team members in group activities; and
- work collaboratively with other team members in planning, presenting and implementing exercise and fitness training activities.

#### (v) Values and Attitudes

- understand the roles, responsibilities and work ethics of coaching, and implement exercise and fitness training activities responsibly and professionally;
- develop safety awareness for exercise and fitness training; and
- demonstrate motivation for learning during participation in different exercise and fitness skills training.