

Advantages:

Very few young people choose this profession as a career unless they have a real love for it and some special aptitude.

1. It is a wholesome profession.
  - a. Offers many opportunities for leadership, self-expression, excellent contacts, and a satisfactory livelihood.
  - b. Many administrators consider the coach or teacher of physical education invaluable in helping build right attitudes among young people.
2. It is concerned with human beings.
  - a. Offers satisfaction in watching and assisting in the development of young people.
3. It furnishes opportunities to keep health and vitality vigorous through activity.
4. Promotions are usually frequent for the good teacher.
5. Some states and many large cities have teacher-tenure and pension systems.

Disadvantages:

1. Physical education is a young man's game.
  - a. It demands long hours.
  - b. There is little or no leisure during the school year, except during vacations.
  - c. If your health fails, it is difficult to keep your position.
2. Coaching is hard.
  - a. While the rewards in satisfaction are very great and the salary more than satisfactory when successful, the coach frequently is dismissed after one or two "poor" years.
  - b. Coaching sports is difficult at all times, but particularly so when it is in addition to full-time teaching in academic subjects.
  - c. Age is a factor. As you grow old, your position may be turned over to a young coach with "modern ideas."
3. Most positions open to those without experience are in small schools (100-250 students).
4. Continued study (at least a Master's degree) through extension and summer school is usually a requirement for promotions.

This profession is not a LAZY MAN'S JOB!

Salaries:

Beginning salaries for the inexperienced teacher are on a par with, or slightly higher (especially for coaches) than those in other subjects. Salaries range from approximately \$1000-1800 for beginners (in the middle west--slightly higher in far east and far west--lower in south) to \$2000-15,000 (a few "big-time" coaches) for experienced people.

In the secondary school, most teachers of physical education also teach one or more academic subjects (such as biology, mathematics, general science, chemistry, physics, social studies, etc.) except in the larger schools (500 or over) where they devote full time to the subject.