

KIN 626: Philosophy of PE Development

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(2-6-02) KIN as a “Profession”

- Can't be a profession because too multi-dimensional?
- Too broad to be “expert” because too many subdivisions
- Note medicine and specialty areas

150 years ago, there were only three true “professions” in Western US society defined as:

1. Clergy
 2. Medicine
 3. Law
- More professions were needed so more were added.
 - Most people that started PE were originally medical doctors.
 - Historically the PE profession has been viewed as “teachers.”
 - As the body of knowledge started to develop, people began to specialize into the subdisciplines.
 - 1852 “The Nature of University” paper by Cardinal Neumann stated we need to teach that “pursuit of knowledge” is most noble pursuit and the reason to go to school rather than just finding knowledge to solve a specific problem.
 - Current movement to educate students with a more liberal education.
 - Henry was father of modern KIN. He bridged gap between theory and practice.
 - Jesse Feiring Williams: Education “through” the physical i.e. sport builds character, self esteem, self worth, honor, etc.
 - Charles Mc Cloy: Education of the physical and a dualist.
 - Self Responsibility Model: (University of Chicago) Teaches inner city kids how to be a good citizen through PE. They teach something higher than “just movement.”