

FEATURED RESEARCHER

Dr. David Chorney is an associate professor in the Faculty of Education, Department of Secondary Education, at the University of Alberta. Dr. Chorney has been working in post-secondary education for the past 17 years. Prior to becoming a professor, he worked as a high school teacher for 7 years, teaching exclusively physical and health education at Churchill High School in LaRonge, Saskatchewan.

David's active research program focuses on physical education teacher education (PETE); curriculum theorizing in physical education, Physical Literacy as it relates to teacher education as well as technology integration within the teaching of physical and health education. David's teaching is



dynamic and engaging and he devotes much time to ensuring that his classes are relevant, meaningful, inspiring, and challenging. He is well respected as an outstanding, informed teacher educator at the provincial and national level and in 2014 was awarded the Rutherford Award of Excellence in undergraduate teaching, the University of Alberta's most prestigious teaching award.

David has been a member of PHE Canada (formerly known as CAHPERD) for 25 years. As well, he has held provincial memberships with both HPEC and SPEA since 1992. David's involvement with PHE Canada is extensive, he was previously a member for 8 years on the Quality Daily Physical Education advisory committee, he has volunteered at the student leadership camp, is an active presenter at the PHE Canada national conferences and in 2002 was awarded the CAHPERD young professional award.

Why is it important to be connected to the PHE Canada Research Council?

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Dr. David Chorney's most recent publications:

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