

MAJOR IN ATHLETIC TRAINING

The Department is no longer admitting students to this program. The program requirements can be seen within the 2020-2021 catalog.

The program of study in Athletic Training is designed for students who are interested in a career in allied health care specializing in injury and illness of the physically active population. Athletic trainers function as integral members of the health care team in secondary schools, colleges and universities, sports medicine clinics, professional sports organizations, industrial settings, military, occupational health, performing arts, public safety, and other health care settings. The athletic trainer specializes in evidence based practice, prevention and health promotion, clinical examination and diagnosis, acute care of injury and illness, therapeutic interventions, psychosocial strategies and referral, health care administration, and professional development and responsibility.

The Athletic Training Program (ATP) is designed to provide an effective blend of theoretical and practical learning experiences in athletic training by incorporating extensive academic and clinical education experiences. The ATP is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). Successful completion of the Athletic Training Program prepares an individual as a candidate for the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification examination.

The goals of the ATP are first and foremost to provide students with a quality, well-rounded education. Second, the ATP seeks to provide the necessary competencies and proficiencies in a formalized multidimensional academic and clinical setting for students to be successful in the field of athletic training. Last, the ATP provides opportunities for students to participate in professional development opportunities (i.e. research endeavors, community service, and attending conferences) that will instill a sense of active participation in their communities and chosen profession.

The ATP is a capped major with a limited enrollment. As such, admission to the university does not guarantee admission to the program.

Learning Outcomes

1. Obtain the Board of Certification, Inc., Certified Athletic Trainer credential.
2. Apply knowledge of principles, concepts, theories, and clinical skills, to include all domains, when working with physically active individuals and sports medicine team personnel in providing athletic training care.
3. Apply effective verbal, non-verbal, and written communication skills in working with physically active individuals and sports medicine team personnel in providing athletic training care.
4. Engage in professional development opportunities that will contribute to life-long learning and service to the community and profession.
5. Display athletic training in accordance with guidelines identified in the NATA Code of Ethics and foundational behaviors of professional practice.
6. Demonstrate professional behaviors, critical thinking and decision-making capabilities that allow for the effective implementation of athletic training care.