

Department of Exercise, Sport, and Health Education Athletic Training



Athletic Training in the Department of Exercise, Sport, and Health Education is designed to prepare students for a career as a certified athletic trainer (ATC). By completing the course of study students will have the necessary requirements to sit for the National Board of Certification (BOC) examination. This program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE).

Certified athletic trainers (ATCs) work with high school, university, professional and even Olympic sports teams. They also work in clinics, hospitals and other sport and/or rehabilitation venues.

Our Athletic Training Education Program is a very sequential, lock-stepped program, with 120 hours of coursework required for the degree. The first two semesters of a student's program are focused on core curriculum courses. Students begin taking athletic training courses the first semester of their sophomore year. Following the successful completion of these courses, students may apply for admission into the program. Currently the program will accept a maximum of 16 students per year. Admission is competitive and is based upon cumulative grade point average, grades in designated pre-admission coursework and various other criteria. If sufficient spaces are available, students who demonstrate exceptional promise in the professional opinion of the faculty of the Department of Exercise, Sport and Health Education and/or the Clinical Instructor Staff may be given provisional admission to the program for no more than one year.

Athletic training is an allied health care profession. As such, students pursuing this course of study must possess strong academic skills. An extensive background in the exercise sciences is essential. They must also possess the physical ability to perform tasks necessary to assess injuries and to provide emergency care and treatment to injured athletes. Individuals must also have the personal communication skills needed to effectively elicit information from injured or ill athletes.

The minimum grade point average of 2.5 on all college work is required for admission into the program. In addition, students must pass all of their athletic training coursework with a "C" or better.

The competencies required to become an effective athletic trainer are met in the athletic training courses listed on the progress sheet for this course of study. Students should make every effort to excel in these courses.

In addition to the required courses, students may wish to get additional certifications such as a professional rescuer, lifeguard, emergency medical technician, or strength and conditioning specialist (CSCS).

RU AT website : <http://www.radford.edu/~atep/>
National Athletic Trainer's Association (www.nata.org)
Board of Certification (www.bocatc.org)

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