



## ATHLETIC TRAINING

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To serve students effectively, the College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences is divided into five programs: Athletic Training, Athletic Coaching Education, Sport and Exercise Psychology, Sport Management, and Physical Education Teacher Education. The College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences is well known for its state-of-the-art facilities. They include the Coliseum, which houses a reading room, classrooms, a gymnasium, a dance studio, and racquetball courts; E. Moore Hall, a building on the downtown campus with a gymnasium, dance studio, and swimming pool; bowling lanes and game rooms at the Mountainlair; the Natatorium, a swimming complex; and the Shell Building, the site of an indoor track, courts for tennis, volleyball, and basketball, weight training, and wrestling rooms, and a rifle range. Outdoor areas include tennis courts, an archery range, an outdoor track, and baseball, soccer, and hockey fields.

### Admission

When students enter WVU, it is recommended that they immediately sign up for ATTR 101 and the Prospective Athletic Training Student (PATS) Program. By registering for ATTR 101, you are automatically enrolled into the PATS Program. This class allows students interested in Athletic Training to observe a limited number of hours each week in the WVU athletic training facilities and to observe a minimum of 75 hours in the WVU athletic training rooms. This helps students become familiar with athletic training and the opportunities WVU has to offer. Students should become enrolled in ATTR 101 and the PATS Program their freshman year but can become involved anytime during their collegiate career. Transfer students seeking admittance into athletic training must also enroll in ATTR 101 and the PATS Program and then make formal application to the program during the spring semester.

In the spring semester of their freshman year, students are eligible to apply to the Athletic Training Program. Before the April 1 application deadline, students must have completed or be currently enrolled in ATTR 101, ATTR 121, ATTR 122, BIOL 101 and 103, BIOL 102 and 104, and ENGL 101 to be eligible to apply. Applicants must have a cumulative 2.75 GPA, a grade of C or better in each of the prerequisite classes, and a grade of a B or better in ATTR 101, ATTR 121, and ATTR 122.

Athletic Training is housed within the College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences. The program is designed to prepare professional practitioners to undertake the health care of athletes. Athletic Training consists of 128 credit hours.

Students may combine Athletic Training with another major; however, an additional one to two years may be required to complete both areas of study.

Once the applications have been submitted, each candidate is subjected to an interview. Other areas of the selection process include academics, PATS evaluation, outside experience, reference evaluation forms, and a written case study. However, successfully meeting the requirements in these areas does not ensure admittance into the program as the selection process is competitive in nature.

Once admitted, students are required to complete a minimum of three years of additional course work and a variety of clinical experiences under the direct supervision of a Board of Certification (BOC) certified athletic trainer (ATC) and an approved clinical instructor (ACI).

### Curriculum

The course work within the Athletic Training curriculum has been developed to allow a progressive learning experience. Course content is coordinated with the student's clinical experience to encourage practical application.

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<http://www.wvu.edu/%7Ephysed/atrain/undergraduatecurriculum.htm>

## Accreditation

West Virginia University is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The curriculum is accredited through the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). The National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) serves as the governing body for athletic training in the United States. West Virginia University is one of approximately 350 accredited institutions in the country. Our program has been accredited since 1975.

## Course Work

Please see the current *WVU Undergraduate Catalog* for complete course descriptions. <http://coursecatalog.wvu.edu/>

## Graduate School Opportunities

Upon graduation from the WVU Athletic Training Program, students are eligible to sit for the national certification exam administered through the BOC. Successful completion of the certification exam provides job opportunities at the high school, college, professional, clinical, or corporate levels. However, many students go on to graduate school to obtain a master's degree or additional education in a related allied health profession such as physical therapy, physician assistant, or medical school.

## Salary Range

Should a student seek employment immediately after graduation, starting salaries annually range from \$30,000 to \$38,000.

### Majors in the College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences

Athletic Coaching Education:	B, M
Athletic Training:	B, M
Physical Education Teacher Education:	B, M, D
Sport & Exercise Psychology:	B, M, D
Sport Management:	B, M

B = bachelor's; M = master's; D = doctorate

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