

# BA in Athletic Training

## Program Design and Accreditation

The department of human performance studies (HPS) offers a four-year program of study leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree in athletic training. The Athletic Training Program (ATP) consists of a one-semester preprofessional phase and a three-and-a-half-year professional phase. Students begin their sequenced program in the fall of their first year enrolled at WSU. The program of study incorporates academic course requirements with clinical experiences to encompass the entry-level professional qualifications of the athletic trainer. The academic structure involves 80 hours of courses, laboratories and practicums to fulfill the NATA Athletic Training Educational Competencies. Students engage in areas of concentration for upper body and lower body injuries, sports that use protective equipment, and general medical conditions. The final year of the program incorporates a clinical internship through local affiliated sites. The ATP has been granted accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE).

## BOC vs. NATA

The Board of Certification (BOC) is the certifying agency for the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA). The mission of the BOC is to provide exceptional credentialing programs for health care professionals to assure the protection of the public. The National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) is the national membership organization for the profession of athletic training. The mission of the NATA is to enhance the quality of health care provided by certified athletic trainers and to advance the athletic training profession. Athletic training students are eligible to sit for the BOC certification exam upon graduation from a CAATE accredited program.

## Technical Standards

Wichita State University is committed to the principle that no qualified individual, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or denied the benefits or services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. A copy of the technical standards for admission into the ATP is available in the ATP program director's office. The ATP adheres to the policies for academic accommodation as determined by the Office of Disability Services. The Office of Disability Services provides academic accommodations for students who experience physical or mental disabilities. Students are required to provide appropriate documentation to the director of disability services before classroom services are provided. Services are based on the student's need for academic accommodation.

## Transfer Students

Transfer students are considered on a case-by-case basis. Students wishing to transfer must have completed at least one year of athletic training experience at the college level, completed a care and prevention course or equivalent, a taping section or lab and have clinical hours endorsed by a supervising athletic trainer. In addition, the transfer student must have completed all admission requirements for the preprofessional and professional phase of the program. Students should contact the ATP program director if they have any questions.

## Probation and Dismissal

Students are placed on probation for the next semester if their overall institutional GPA falls below 2.500. Preprofessional students placed on probation jeopardize their admission to the professional phase. Students on probation will not be academically dismissed from the ATP until:

1. They accumulate 12 or more attempted hours after being placed on probation,
2. Fail to earn at least a 2.500 GPA semester average, and
3. Their overall or institutional grade point average remains below a 2.500.

Students dismissed for academic reasons may seek readmission to the ATP and the College of Education by appealing, in writing, for an exception to the regulations. Students should contact the ATP program director and the College of Education for specific procedures.

## Special Requirements and Costs

Students are responsible for all application expenses, including the purchase of professional liability insurance in the minimum range of \$1,000,000–\$3,000,000, security background clearance and demonstrated proof of standard health insurance before beginning the professional phase of the ATP. Students enrolled in HPS 130, are required to pay a departmental cost-recovery fee for the use of consumable athletic training materials in order to meet the objectives of the course as outlined in the WSU Undergraduate Catalog. Students are required to provide their own transportation to each clinical site. Students should contact the ATP program director if they have any questions about these special requirements and costs.

## Clinical Affiliation and Education

The ATEP has affiliation agreements with various health facilities in Wichita to assist with the clinical education of the athletic training student. The clinical affiliates include a variety of settings. Clinical education involves the rotation of specific experiences tailored to meet program standards and objectives. The athletic training student must complete the academic course(s) relating to these experiences before the clinical rotation assignment. The entire clinical rotation process is a three-year commitment. Students can contact the ATP program director for information on student responsibilities, expectations and policies for clinical education assignments.

## Admission

A prospective student interested in pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree in athletic training needs to request an application from the ATP program director or the department of HPS. The applicant must meet all admission requirements by WSU.

1. Application to preprofessional program: An ATP application for the preprofessional program can be completed by visiting the athletic training website (<http://www.wichita.edu/athletictraining>), or it can be obtained from the ATP program director. The student application file for the preprofessional program must be complete by March 1<sup>st</sup> and include:
  - a. Letter of interest;
  - b. Complete application;
  - c. Three letters of recommendation; and
  - d. Completion of WSU admission criteria.
2. Application to professional program: In order for the student to be selected into the professional program of the ATP, the student must complete the following criteria before formal admittance is granted. All professional program criteria must be completed by November 15<sup>th</sup> and include:
  - a. Completed health examination;
  - b. Immunization verification;
  - c. Personal background check;
  - d. Record of work or volunteer hours;
  - e. Signed technical standards;

- f. Current CPR certification;
- g. Purchase of liability insurance;
- h. Personal interview with Athletic Training Advisory Committee and ATP faculty; and
- i. Completed core courses with a *B* average or better:

Course	Title	Hours
HPS 114	Introduction to Athletic Training	3
HPS 317	CPR/AED/First Aid for the Professional Rescuer	2
HPS 130	Taping and Bandaging in Athletic Training	1
HP 203	Medical Terminology	2

## Program Requirements

Students must have a total of 120 credit hours to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree. In addition to meeting WSU General Education requirements (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/general-education-program>), requirements for the BA degree in athletic training are as follows:

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
PSY 111	General Psychology <sup>1</sup>	3
BIOL 210	General Biology I <sup>1</sup>	4
CHEM 211	General Chemistry I <sup>1</sup>	5
<b>HPS and Athletic Training Core</b>		
HPS 114	Introduction to Athletic Training	3
HPS 317	CPR/AED/First Aid for the Professional Rescuer	2
HPS 130	Taping and Bandaging in Athletic Training	1
HPS 131	Instrumentation in Athletic Training	1
HP 203	Medical Terminology	2
BIOL 223	Human Anatomy and Physiology	5
or HS 290	Foundational Human Anatomy and Physiology	
HPS 229	Applied Human Anatomy	3
HS 301	Clinical Pharmacology	3
HPS 328	Biomechanics of Human Movement	3
HPS 331	Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries	3
HS 331	Principles of Dietetics & Nutrition	3
HPS 350	Upper Extremity Assessment	4
HPS 351	Lower Extremity Assessment	4
HPS 352	General Medical Conditions in Athletics	3
STAT 370	Elementary Statistics	3
or HPS 762	Statistical Concepts in Human Performance Studies	
HPS 440	Concepts in the Prescription of Exercise	3
HPS 450	Therapeutic Modalities	3
HPS 451	Therapeutic Exercise	3
HPS 490	Physiology of Exercise	3
HPS 442	Administration of Athletic Training	3

HPS 541	Seminar in Strength and Conditioning	3
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### Practicum

HPS 121	Professional Practicum	2
HPS 220	Athletic Training Practicum	2
HPS 221	Athletic Training Practicum II	2
HPS 320	Athletic Training Practicum III	2
HPS 321	Athletic Training Practicum IV	2
HPS 420	Athletic Training Practicum V	2
HPS 421	Athletic Training Practicum VI	2

### Electives

With an advisor, select sufficient general education and elective hours to bring the total credit hours to 120.

Total Credit Hours	87
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- <sup>1</sup> These courses may also be used to fulfill general education requirements.

## Applied Learning

Students in the Bachelor of Arts in athletic training program are required to complete an applied learning or research experience to graduate from this program. The requirement can be met by successfully completing all of the following program course requirements: HPS 220, HPS 221, HPS 320, HPS 321, HPS 420 and HPS 421.