



ATHLETIC TRAINING

UW-EAU CLAIRE UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

Certified athletic trainers (ATCs) are healthcare practitioners who specialize in preventing, recognizing, managing and rehabilitating injuries that result from physical activity. The athletic training education program is housed in the department of kinesiology, which is in the College of Education and Human Sciences. The mission of the athletic training major is to prepare entry-level certified athletic trainers. To accomplish this mission, an outcomes-based learning environment is used to provide the theoretical and clinical experiences that enable students to develop the competencies and proficiencies required to be effective in the professional field of athletic training.

WHY STUDY ATHLETIC TRAINING?

- It has many practical applications and leads to a variety of exciting career opportunities related to human performance.
- It is great preparation for graduate studies in areas such as exercise physiology, cardiac rehabilitation, biomechanics, physical therapy, occupational therapy and education.
- Athletic training graduates have the opportunity to work in a variety of challenging settings.
- Students in the program also can improve their physical performance while building an exciting career in helping others improve their athletic abilities.

THE EAU CLAIRE ADVANTAGE

- **Great facilities.** The McPhee/Olson Physical Education Center is an outstanding facility with six gymnasiums including an indoor 200-meter track, a competition-size swimming pool, eight racquetball

courts, a spacious weight training and fitness center, a sports medicine/athletic training room, dance studio, a health promotion laboratory and a computer laboratory. Outdoor facilities include a 400-meter track, tennis courts and jogging and fitness trails.

- **Outstanding pre-professional experiences.** Students can participate in a wide variety of pre-professional experiences such as, student-faculty collaboration and research, job shadowing and mentoring with area professionals, K-12 observations and teacher assisting, coaching and health promotion apprenticeships, attend regional professional meetings and workshops, clinics and workshops to obtain additional certifications and licensures, work at summer

UW-EAU CLAIRE FACTS AT A GLANCE

- Location: Eau Claire, Wis.; city pop. 64,000, metro. pop. 151,000
- Average enrollment: 10,500
- Undergraduates: 10,063
- Graduate students: 503
- International students: 124
- Multicultural students: 485
- Average men-women ratio: 2-to-3
- Students who spend at least a semester studying abroad: 24%
- Students doing undergraduate research with faculty/staff: 710+
- ACT composite average: 24+
- Average high school rank: 77%
- Average class size: 28
- Faculty-student ratio: 1-to-20
- Computers-student ratio: 1-to-9
- Student organizations: 224
- Walk across campus: About 10 minutes
- Nickname: Blugolds
- Colors: Navy and old gold

sport camps, or participating in the community fitness program just to name a few.

- **Culminating capstone opportunities.** All degree programs provide capstone experiences including internships or student teaching experiences. Internship opportunities are available throughout the United States in a wide array of public and private settings.
- **National accreditation.** The Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP) is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). All students that graduate from the ATEP and meet the criteria established by CAATE will qualify to sit for the Board of Certification (BOC) national certification examination. Successful completion of the BOC examination allows the individual to become a Certified Athletic Trainer and eligible for state licensure.

CAREER OPTIONS

Certified athletic trainers may work in high schools, colleges and universities, clinics and hospitals, corporations and industries or with professional sports teams.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The UW-Eau Claire department of kinesiology offers:

Major

- Athletic Training (comprehensive major; requires no minor) (See separate Fact Sheet for kinesiology major)

Special department admission requirements

Formal application is made to the athletic training major during the second semester of the first year of attendance. This allows selected students to start the three-year course of study during the fall semester of the second year. The number of students admitted to the program is limited by resources available. Not everyone who applies can be guaranteed admission. Currently 12-15 students are accepted each year.

All freshman/transfer students that declare athletic training as their major on admittance to the University must meet with the program director in an advising group meeting before the start of the first semester. Students that declare athletic training as their major after the beginning of the spring semester will be advised to start candidacy in the fall semester. Anyone interested in majoring in athletic training must contact the athletic training education program director in the Department of Kinesiology for complete information about the application procedures, technical standards, observational experience, and all other information related to the athletic training major.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

- Students interested in studying athletic training are encouraged to do well in biology, health, physics, math and English composition. Students should enjoy being physically active and working with people.
- All students who enroll at UW-Eau Claire are required to have a minimum of 17 college preparatory units including:
 - 4 years of English (at least 3 composition and literature)
 - 2 years of a single foreign language
 - 3 years of math (algebra, geometry, 1 advanced college preparatory math)

- 3 years of natural science
- 3 years of social science (1 must be world or American history)
- 2 additional units in the areas already mentioned or other academic areas

FRESHMAN COURSE WORK

Sample First Year

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE#	TITLE	CREDITS
General education category III		
	elective	3
Engl 110	Introduction to College Writing	5
Chem 103	General Chemistry (GE II)	5
Psyc 100	General Psychology (GE III)	3

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE#	TITLE	CREDITS
Kins 192	Introduction to Athletic Training	3
Kins 194	Anatomical Kinesiology	3
CJ 202	Fundamentals of Speech (GE I)	3
Phys 100	Physical Science (GE II)	4
General education category III		
	elective	3

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the athletic training program, contact:

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