

# Athletic Training



Certified athletic trainers are health care practitioners who specialize in preventing, recognizing, managing and rehabilitating injuries that result from physical activity. If you love helping people, this might be the major for you! The mission of the Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP) at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is to prepare students for certification/ licensure as an Athletic Trainer and to work as a health care provider with the physically active population. The ATEP promotes this mission through a transformative environment that engages students through active participation in the course content and by embracing and offering experiential learning opportunities with the university and Chippewa Valley communities.

## Major

**Comprehensive major (no minor required)**

- **Kinesiology** - Athletic Training

## Prepared for Success

The athletic trainer functions as an integral member of the health care team for schools, athletic teams, hospitals, the military, industry and corporate health programs. A number of our graduates continue their athletic training studies at the graduate level.

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“The Athletic Training program at UWEC allowed me to apply what I learned in the classroom to hands-on situations during my weekly clinical hours. My professors weren’t just educators; they were mentors, references, and supporters as well! The program has made me a confident healthcare professional for wherever my career takes me.”

— Jessie Reineck | Athletic Training alum

## Why UW-Eau Claire Accreditation

The Athletic Training Education Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE);

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we received the highest accreditation standard in 2010 and will undergo our next review in 2020. All students that graduate from 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. While the national average pass rate of this exam is 77%, our grads have an average first time pass rate of 94%, and the pass rate among Spring 2017 graduates was 100%.

## Hands-On Experience

As part of the Athletic Training major, students participate in a wide variety of pre-professional experiences, including student-faculty research collaboration, mentoring and health promotion activities, attendance at professional meetings and workshops, or work at summer sport camps, just to name a few!

An important component of the Athletic Training major is the hands-on experience for students. Students will complete up to 90 weeks or roughly 1,200 hours of hands-on patient care at several of our 12 clinical sites over a three-year period. The clinical education experiences occur during prearranged times and locations and involve interaction with clinical instructors on a weekly basis. This allows athletic training students to practice and master the skills of the profession while providing safe and outstanding health care for the physically active population that they encounter.

## Innovative 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.

## Special Admission Guidelines

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. Admission is selective.

All freshman/transfer students who 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 who 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.