Bachelor of Science
Athletic Training

The University of North Florida Department of Clinical and Applied Movement Sciences offers a challenging pathway to a career in the prevention, evaluation, treatment, and rehabilitation of injuries and conditions among patients and athletes. The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Athletic Training will prepare students for the Board of Certification Examination to become a Certified Athletic Trainer and a career at the secondary school, college and university, and professional athletic, clinic, hospital, industrial, and performing arts settings.

Many of our students continue their education in a variety of medical fields. The Athletic Training Program provides a strong foundation in the sciences for students interested in pursuing graduate study in athletic training or in the related fields of exercise physiology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, recreational therapy, physician's assistant, and medicine.

Program Admission Changes: The accrediting body for Athletic Training Education (Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education) has revised the Standards for Accreditation of Professional Athletic Training Programs. The new standards require all professional athletic training programs to be at the Master’s degree level. Based on this change in education requirements, the Department of Clinical & Applied Movement Sciences at UNF will admit the last cohort/class into the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training in Fall 2017. The first Master of Science in Athletic Training class/cohort is projected to be admitted in Summer 2018.

Pre-Physical Therapy Students
The B.S. in Athletic Training provides students interested in pursuing a career in physical therapy with extensive hands-on clinical experience that will prepare them for graduate study in physical therapy. Additionally, many of the required courses in the Athletic Training Program lay a strong foundation for education in physical therapy. The opportunity to be dual-credentialed in athletic training and physical therapy increases the marketability of individuals who want to be employed in an orthopedic and sports medicine setting. For more information on the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at the University of North Florida, go to the following website: http://www.unf.edu/brooks/movement_science/graduate_program.aspx

Pre-Med Students
The B.S. in Athletic Training provides the opportunity for students to add a deeper scientific foundation to their undergraduate curriculum and enables them to develop skills in hands-on techniques, diagnosis, and treatment. The Athletic Training Program will provide students with practical knowledge for clinical settings in medicine, including clinical assessment, treatment, rehabilitation, and the benefits of early identification in preventing injury and disease.

In 2009, the Athletic Training Program was awarded continuing accreditation through 2018-2019 from the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) by meeting all Standards for Entry-Level Athletic Training Education.

LIMITED ACCESS CRITERIA: Due to the exceptional number of applicants, the Athletic Training Education Program at UNF has been designated as a limited access Program and abides by the rules for limited access Programs established by the Florida Board of Governors as follows:

a. Students who have graduated from a Florida community college with an Associate in Arts degree or those who have successfully completed 60 or more semester hours of course work at public universities in Florida will receive priority for admission over other applicants.

b. Selection criteria will not discriminate against Florida community college transfer students in favor of public university students who are applying for admission or plan to continue enrollment after completion of 60 semester hours at the lower division level.

c. Where necessary to achieve established equal access enrollment goals, some students may be admitted to the Program using different criteria.
Successful completion of admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the Program. Enrollment in the Program is limited by clinical site availability to a total of 60-70 students at any one time, with 30-35 new students typically admitted each year from a competitive applicant pool.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Application deadline is **MAY 1** (postmark) of the year of application to the Program. The Athletic Training Program has a separate application form that must be completed. Please contact the Brooks College of Health/Advising Office at (904) 620-2812 for the Program application. Students not currently enrolled at UNF must apply for admission to UNF through the UNF Office of Admissions (904-620-5555) and designate Athletic Training as their preferred major on the UNF application form. Students currently enrolled at UNF must complete appropriate forms in the Office of Admissions to declare Athletic Training as their major prior to the **MAY 1** deadline. To be considered for admission to the Athletic Training Program, each applicant must fulfill the following minimum requirements:

- Submission of all official transcripts and documentation by **MAY 1** of the year of application;
- Submission of a complete Supplemental Application by **MAY 1** of the year of application;
- Attainment of minimum of 2.80 GPA overall (see Calculating GPAs);
- Attainment of minimum of 2.80 GPA on all prerequisite courses (see Calculating GPAs);
- Demonstration of communication and interpersonal skills during a required interview;
- Completion of all general education and prerequisite courses prior to entering the Athletic Training Program.
- Students must have a health evaluation completed by a health care professional (MD, DO, PA, NP) in light of the technical standards established by the Program. Included in this evaluation must be documented immunizations recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for health care workers including: hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, and diphtheria. Any specific questions regarding the health care evaluation and immunizations should be referred to the Program Director.

CALCULATING GPAs: Students seeking admission vary in the ways they meet our requirements. To ensure consistency in the way grade point averages (GPAs) are calculated, the following guidelines apply:

- A prerequisite GPA of the required twenty-seven (27 including recommended HSC2400-First Aid & Emergency Care) semester hours will be calculated.
- The prerequisite GPA as well as the most recent sixty (60) undergraduate credit hour GPA will reflect the more recent grade if a given course has been repeated.

Grade point averages are calculated to reflect most current academic performance and to allow applicants to influence their GPAs by taking additional courses in areas that will enhance their performance in the curriculum.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS: Applicants admitted to the Athletic Training Program must have completed all general education requirements for the baccalaureate degree at UNF prior to enrolling in athletic training courses. Information about general education requirements can be obtained from the UNF Office of Admissions (904-620-5555) or from the UNF Undergraduate Catalog. Specific prerequisite courses for the Athletic Training Education Program are as follows (two semesters are equivalent to three quarters):

- **Anatomy and Physiology**: Two-semester sequence of Anatomy and Physiology, with labs (BSC 2085C/BSC2086C or equivalent)
- **Biology**: One semester in biology, with lab (BSC 1010C or equivalent)
- **Physics**: One physics course, with lab (PHY 2053 / PHY 2053L or PHY 2048 / PHY2048L or equivalent)
- **Statistics**: One course in principles of statistics (STA 2023 or equivalent)
- **Psychology**: One general psychology course (PSY 2012 or equivalent)
- **Nutrition**: One basic principles of nutrition course (HUN 2201 or equivalent)
EXPENSES AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: The instructional fee per semester hour is the same for students enrolled in the Athletic Training Program as for other students enrolled at UNF. In addition to tuition, housing, books/supplies, and transportation costs, students in the Athletic Training Program will incur additional expenses in at least the following areas: laboratory fees in professional courses; laboratory and clinical uniforms; immunizations and health screening; health insurance; background checks; membership in professional organizations; and transportation and living expenses associated with clinical experiences. Students accepted into the Program will receive more specific information about these costs. Those anticipating the need for financial assistance while enrolled in the Program should contact the UNF Financial Aid Office (904-620-5555).

Since the Athletic Training Program is a professional Program, students will need to remain flexible with their time to participate fully in laboratory sessions AND clinical experiences. Most students are unable to maintain regular employment during enrollment in the curriculum.

THE BS ATHLETIC TRAINING CURRICULUM: The Athletic Training Program is approximately two (2) years in length. Upon successful completion of the Program, students will receive the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree following the limited access major for athletic training students.

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the UNF Athletic Training Program is to prepare our students for entry-level clinical practice through interdisciplinary coursework and diverse clinical education experiences. The UNF Athletic Training graduate will be a competent, caring allied health care professional capable of using evidence-based practice and the knowledge and skills necessary to provide quality patient care. The Athletic Training Program seeks to inspire students to be lifelong learners and advocates for the profession.

PROGRAM GOALS:
1. Provide an opportunity for students to develop skills in the prevention, recognition, evaluation immediate care, rehabilitation and reconditioning of injuries and illnesses in physically active populations; healthcare administration; professional development and responsibility.

2. Provide students with a variety of educational experiences in the classroom and through clinical education that promote the use of effective communication skills, professional and ethical behavior, professional growth, and evidence-based practice.

3. Prepare students for success as an allied health care professional in the field of athletic training by:
   A. Providing opportunities for clinical education experiences in a variety of settings under the supervision of preceptors who are committed to teaching and learning.
   B. Providing a challenging curriculum, which is complemented by clinical education experiences that prepare students for autonomous practice.

FOUNDATIONAL BEHAVIORS OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE: The Athletic Training Program at the University of North Florida also endorses the Foundational Behaviors of Professional Practice set forth by the NATA Education Council in the Athletic Training Educational Competencies (5th ed). Students and graduates of the Program will demonstrate:

1. Primacy of the Patient
   • Recognize sources of conflict of interest that can impact the patient’s health
   • Know and apply the commonly accepted standards for patient confidentiality
   • Provide the best health care available for the patient
   • Advocate for the needs of the patient

2. Teamed Approach to Practice
   • Recognize the unique skills and abilities of other health care professionals
   • Understand the scope of practice of other health care professionals
   • Understand and execute duties within the identified scope of practice for athletic trainers
   • Include the patient (and family, where appropriate) in the decision making process
• Demonstrate the ability to work with others in effecting positive patient outcomes

3. Legal Practice
• Practice athletic training in a legally competent manner
• Recognize the need to document compliance with the laws that govern athletic training
• Understand the consequences of violating the laws that govern athletic training

4. Ethical Practice
• Understand and comply with NATA’s Code of Ethics and the BOC’s Standards of Practice
• Understand the consequences of violating NATA’s Code of Ethics and BOC’s Standards of Practice
• Understand and comply with other codes of ethics, as applicable

5. Advancing Knowledge
• Critically examine the body of knowledge in athletic training and related fields
• Use evidence-based practice as a foundation for the delivery of care
• Understand the connection between continuing education and the improvement of athletic training practice
• Promote the value of research and scholarship in athletic training
• Disseminate new knowledge in athletic training to fellow athletic trainers, patients, other health care professionals, and others as necessary

6. Cultural Competence
• Understand the cultural differences of patients’ attitudes and behaviors toward health care
• Demonstrate knowledge, attitudes, behaviors, and skills necessary to achieve optimal health outcomes for diverse patient populations
• Demonstrate knowledge, attitudes, behaviors, and skills necessary to work respectfully and effectively with diverse populations and in a diverse work environment

7. Professionalism
• Advocate for the profession
• Demonstrate honesty and integrity
• Exhibit compassion and empathy
• Demonstrate effective interpersonal communication skills

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLINICAL PROGRAM:
Students must have current certification in one of the following CPR/AED courses listed below (NO OTHER COURSES ACCEPTED):
• CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer – American Red Cross
• BLS for Healthcare Providers CPR/AED – American Heart Association
• CPR for Professionals – American Safety & Health Institute
• Basic Life Support for Health Care and Professional Rescuers – National Safety Council
• ACLS – American Heart Association
• Healthcare Provider CPR – Emergency Care and Safety Institute

Check the Athletic Training Program website for any changes to the above list.
http://www.unf.edu/brooks/movement_science/admission_bsat.aspx

• Students must have current certification in first-aid
• Students must meet the Program Technical Standards
• Students must have had at least the first shot of the hepatitis B immunization series

***Must provide proof of the above listed items by the first day of classes or will not be allowed to continue in the Program.***
Upon acceptance the following requirements must be fulfilled (Program will assist accepted students with the items listed below)

- Students must obtain an annual background check
- Students must have certification in Blood-Borne Pathogens
- Students must document membership in the NATA
- Students must document membership in the ATAF

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