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ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION

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CAREER ABSTRACT

The athletic training education concentration in the Department of Exercise, Sport, and Health Education is designed to prepare students for a career as a certified athletic trainer (ATC). By completing the course of study for this concentration, students may have the necessary requirements to sit for the National Athletic Trainer’s Association Board of Certification (NATABOC) examination. Currently, this program is in the candidacy stage of accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

QUESTIONS STUDENTS OFTEN ASK

What can I do with a degree in Physical and Health Education?

Certified athlete trainers (ATCs) work with high school, university, professional and even olympic sports teams. They also work in clinics, hospitals and other sport and/or physical rehabilitation venues.

What academic skills and strengths should I possess to be successful in physical and health education?

Athletic training is an allied health care profession. As such, students pursuing this concentration must possess strong academic skills. An extensive background in the exercise sciences is essential. They must also possess the physical ability to perform tasks necessary to assess injuries and to provide emergency care and treatment to injured athletes. Individuals must also have the personal communication skills needed to effectively elicit information from injured or ill athletes.

What are the academic requirements, such as grade point average or minimums to take fieldwork?

The minimum grade point average of 2.5 on all college work is required for admission to the teacher education program. In addition, students must pass all of their athletic training coursework with a “C” or better.

Admission into the Athletic Training Education Program is competitive. Students should contact the Athletic Training Program Director for specific admissions requirements and course sequencing.
What courses may enhance my career opportunities in athletic training?

The competencies required to become an effective athletic trainer are met in the athletic training courses listed on the progression sheet for this concentration. Students should make every effort to excel in these courses. In addition to the required courses, students may wish to get additional certifications as a professional rescuer, lifeguard, emergency medical technician, or strength and conditioning specialist (CSCS).

Where can I obtain more information about careers in athletic training?

- RU Department of Exercise, Sport, and Health Education
- Web Site: http://www.radford.edu/~eshe-web/
- National Athletic Trainer’s Association (www.nata.org)
- National Athletic Trainer’s Board of Certification (www.nataboc.org)
- RU McConnell Library
- RU Academic Advising Centers

For an application to Radford University contact the RU Admissions Office

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