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 ATEP consists of a one-year pre-professional phase and a three-year professional phase. Athletic training students begin their sequence of courses 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 laboratories, and practicums to fulfill the NATA Athletic Training Educational Competencies. Clinical experiences are gained in a variety of athletic settings and involve performing athletic training services through the Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Athletic training 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 ATEP has been granted “ Candidacy Status” for accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). Candidacy status indicates that a program is making satisfactory progress toward compliance with accreditation criteria but does not assure the program will become accredited. The CAATE will issue the ATEP accreditation upon successful completion of a site visit and review of accreditation criteria.

**Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP) at WSU is to provide a comprehensive program of academic coursework and field experience that will educate athletic training students for entry-level positions in the profession of athletic training. The ATEP strives to meet the standards, education competencies, and clinical proficiencies for athletic training education through professional service, research activities, and curriculum design. The ATEP abides by the policies and procedures as set forth by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), National Athletic Trainer's Association Education Council, Board of Certification, and the Kansas Board of Healing Arts.

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**Admission Policy:**

A prospective student interested in pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree in Athletic Training needs to request an application from the ATEP Education Coordinator or the Department of HPS. The applicant must meet all admission requirements by WSU. All students must apply to the Pre-Professional Phase. An application for the Pre-Professional Phase can be completed by visiting the website for athletic training (www.wichita.edu/athletictraining) or obtained from the ATEP Education Coordinator. The student application file must be complete by March 1st to have full consideration. Late applications are accepted until the next admission class is full. The application file must include; Letter of interest, completed application, three letters of recommendation and completion of WSU admission criteria.

**BOC vs. NATA:**

The Board of Certification (BOC) is the certifying agency for the National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA). The mission of BOC is to certify athletic trainers and to identify the public, quality health care professionals through a system of certification, adjudication, standards of practice and continuing competency programs. The BOC is accredited by the National Commission of Certifying Agencies. The mission of the NATA is to enhance the quality of health care for athletes and those engaged in physical activity, and to advance the profession of athletic training through education and research in the prevention, evaluation, management, and rehabilitation of injuries. Students are eligible to sit for the BOC certification exam upon graduation from a CAATE accredited program. Please contact the ATEP Coordinator for a recent listing of CAATE accredited programs and current WSU accreditation status.

**Academic Four-Year Plan:**

**Fall Semester: Pre-Professional Phase**

- ENGL 100 or 101
- HPS 117 – First Aid & Community CPR
- KSS 114 – Introduction to Athletic Training
- HPS 130 – Taping and Bandaging in Athletic Training
- HP 203 – Medical Terminology
- MATH 111 or 131

**Spring Semester: Pre-Professional Phase**

- ENGL 102
- HPS 229 – Applied Human Anatomy
- HPS 331 – Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries
- BIOL 210 – General Biology
- PSY 111 – General Psychology

**Fall Semester: Level 1**

- CHEM 211 – General Chemistry
- HPS 350 – Upper Extremity Assessment
- HPS 220 – Athletic Training Practicum I
- SOC 111 – General Sociology
- HPS 301 – Fund. of Physical Fitness/Exercise

**Spring Semester: Level 1**

- HPS 351 – Lower Extremity Assessment
- HPS 221 – Athletic Training Practicum II
- HPS 328 – Kinesiology and Biomechanics
- BIO 223 – Human Anatomy and Physiology
- COMM 111 – Public Speaking

**Fall Semester: Level 2**

- HPS 451 – Therapeutic Exercise
- HPS 321 – Athletic Training Practicum IV
- HPS 352 – Gen. Medical Conditions in Athletics
- HS 331Q – Diet and Nutrition
- HPS 490 – Concepts of Exercise Prescription

**Spring Semester: Level 2**

- HS 361 – Clinical Pharmacology
- HPS 420 – Athletic Training Practicum V
- HPS 442 – Administration of Athletic Training
- STAT 370 – Elementary Statistics or
- HPS 762 – Test and Measurements
- CI 541 or CS 105

**Fall Semester: Level 3**

- HPS 421 – Athletic Training Practicum VI
- HPS 498 – Internship in Athletic Training

**Spring Semester: Level 3**

- General Sociology
- Humanities
- Natural Sciences

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