Pre-Athletic Training Track

A pre-professional program is a statement of intent on the student’s part, not an academic major.

Undergraduate students interested in athletic training must declare an undergraduate major. The typical major is in exercise science. Other majors are equally appropriate and feasible with appropriate planning. In addition to declaring an undergraduate major, students may select pre-athletic training as a secondary area of interest.

The Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP) at UWL is transitioning to the Master of Science (MS) in AT degree. The ATEP is already an important part of the program array at UWL, as the institution has offered an approved/accredited Bachelor of Science (BS) in Athletic Training for nearly 40 years. For approximately the first 25 years it was the only such program in the State of Wisconsin. Proliferation of programs began approximately 15 years ago yet UWL has maintained its position of leadership in the state, nationally and internationally.

Requirements for the degree to move from the BS to the MS level were created by the Strategic Alliance of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA), Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), Board of Certification (BOC), and NATA-Research and Education Foundation (REF).

ACCREDITATION

The program is accredited by the (CAATE). The last accreditation award was in October, 2015 and resulted in a 10-year full accreditation (the maximum allowed by the CAATE). The program will next go up for full review in 2025. A substantive change review will take place when the transition from the BS degree to the MS degree takes place. Applications for the MS in AT program will be accepted beginning in the Fall of 2018.

General Admission Requirements

Students who desire admission to the UWL MS in AT program must meet the requirements and complete the admission process by the posted deadlines. The MS in AT program is NOT accepting applications at this time. The program will begin to accept applications in Fall, 2018. The first class will begin in Summer, 2019. Students will need:

- An undergraduate degree or completion of an undergraduate degree prior to starting the program.
- Completion of all prerequisite course work including:

  General Biology 4 credits (including lab)
  Human Anatomy or Human A&P I 4 credits (including lab)
  Human Physiology or Human A&P II 4 credits (including lab)
  Chemistry 4 credits (including lab)
  Physics I 4 credits (including lab)
  Physics II 4 credits (including lab)
  Statistics 3-4 credits
  Physiology of Exercise 3 credits
  Biomechanics or Kinesiology 3 credits
  Motor Learning or Behavior 3 credits
  Nutrition 3 credits

- Attainment of at least a 3.00 cumulative GPA
- Completion and submission of Graduate Records Examination (GRE) scores