

# Athletic Training

**The Athletic Training Program seeks to provide education on solving each ailment that exists in today's sports environment. . .**

The Department of Family Medicine offers the B.S. degree in Athletic Training under the auspices of the Division of Sports Medicine. The degree program entails a four-year curriculum designed to prepare students for an entry-level position in the field of athletic training. Upon completion of the curriculum, students will be prepared to take the Board of Certification (BOC) Exam. 45% of program graduates have gone on to advanced degrees or other specialized degrees in the health care field.

## What you can do with a degree in Athletic Training. . .

Athletic Training graduates are employed to treat and rehabilitate the physically active person. Athletic trainers are employed by professional teams, colleges, universities, high schools, sports medicine clinics, and large clinics.

## Program Options. . .

The Division of Sports Medicine's athletic training curriculum is designed for undergraduate students and culminates in a Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training degree in four years of academic and clinical education at UND.

## Unique characteristics of UND's Athletic Training Program. . .

- Ours is the first Athletic Training Education Program in the country to be housed in a school of medicine. Students receive clinical experience that includes working with 500+ varsity athletes in 21 sports at UND.
- The Division of Sports Medicine faculty all practice athletic training, enhancing learning of the undergraduate students and ensuring the latest techniques in the field are utilized.

## Getting in. . .

Admission to the curriculum is competitive. Students are selected using the following criteria: academic performance (2.75 cumulative GPA minimum), departmental application, 3 letters of reference, 100 hours of directed observation at UND, and completion of FMed 101, 207, and 207L with a B or better and a C or better in Biol 150 and 150. It is recommended that students applying for this program meet with the academic advisor early in their freshman year.

## It's A Fact. . .

- Training rooms are located in Hyslop Sports Center, Memorial Stadium, Ralph Engelstad Arena, Betty Engelstad Sioux Center, and the Alerus Center.
- Students are required to purchase their own palm computer for tracking clinical experiences and for obtaining course-related information.
- Clinical rotations for students include patients in the UND Center for Sports Medicine, an outpatient rehabilitation clinic on campus.
- Average class size for courses in the major is 10.
- 11 faculty in the department.
- 30 students enrolled in Athletic Training program.
- Athletic Training major first offered at UND in 1991.
- Student Athletic Trainers Association is an active student organization.
- The B.S. in Athletic Training degree was accredited in 2008 and given the longest accreditation period possible.
- In 2004 the average entry level athletic trainer salary was about \$30,000.
- The Division of Sports Medicine enhances clinical education by using technology such as palm computers and web instruction.
- Athletic Training students are drawn into a network of health care professionals. This includes physicians, pharmacists, registered dietitians, psychologists, dentists, and more. This prepares the student for a better understanding of the profession of athletic training and the team approach to sports medicine.

## For more information. . .

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