WHAT DEGREES AND PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED?

A Bachelor of Athletic Training is offered. All prospective athletic training students must begin in the fall semester by taking Introduction to Athletic Training. The final selection of students entering into the two years of the athletic training program will be based on a maximum number of 36 at the junior/senior level. This selection is based upon academic ability, demonstrated work habits of the student, and peer-staff evaluations. Following admission to the program, students will gain knowledge in the classroom and in the clinical setting. Clinical rotations take place both on campus with intercollegiate athletics, and off campus in local clinics or high schools.

OPPORTUNITIES: WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

Careers in the allied health-care profession of Athletic Training are varied. The Athletic Trainers play a unique role in the health care system of the new millennium and are experts in the prevention, recognition, management, and rehabilitation of injuries to athletes and physically active people. Students completing a bachelor’s degree in Athletic Training from this accredited program may obtain employment in high school/clinical settings, physician offices, hospitals, colleges/universities, industry, and professional sports. In conjunction with teaching certification the graduate may be employable as a teacher-athletic trainer in the high school setting. To obtain a college/university, or professional level position, students may need to continue their education at the master’s degree level.

Graduates of the Minnesota State University, Mankato’s nationally recognized Athletic Training program have enjoyed such careers as: college and university athletic trainers, junior college athletic trainers, high school teacher/athletic trainers, professional football athletic trainers, professional hockey athletic trainers, professional baseball athletic trainers, clinical athletic trainers, health club/fitness athletic trainers, and industrial athletic trainers.

The athletic trainer’s salary will vary due to practice setting, advanced degree and geographic region; however, the entry-level athletic trainer should expect to make between $25,000 and $35,000 per year. Graduate and advanced degrees (including teaching degrees) and work experience will produce a higher salary range. If the student does not pursue a teaching degree he/she is encouraged to pursue graduate preparation. Since 75 percent of all Certified Athletic Trainers have a Master’s degree or beyond, the student is encouraged to continue his or her education. With that in mind, it is important to remember that virtually 100 percent of those students graduating from this program who are entering the job market without continuing their education, find employment in high school/clinical and industrial settings. Those wishing to enter graduate or professional schools find equally high success levels.

INDICATORS OF PROGRAM QUALITY

Accreditations
In 1969, this program was one of the first four Athletic Training Education programs ever approved; it has maintained continual approval or accreditation ever since. The program is currently accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATF). Standards for this accreditation are jointly set by the National Athletic Trainers’ Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine.

Faculty
All courses are taught by faculty with the rank of assistant professor or higher. In total there are ten faculty/staff and graduate assistants who teach and supervise students in the classroom and clinical settings. Our faculty have numerous journal publications, textbook publications, and presentations at national, district, state, and regional conferences.

Alumni successes
Alumni have had numerous successes ranging from professional publications and offices in national associations, to the National Athletic Trainers’ Association Hall of Fame, as well as state and district hall of fame honors. Professional successes have also included Superbowl appearances, Stanley Cup Champions, numerous national championships and successes with athletic teams at professional, collegiate and high school settings.

Performance on professional exams related to national performance norms
Graduates of this program pass the BOC examination at a rate roughly twice the national average for first-time candidates, approximately 85.
percent pass all three sections of the BOC on their first attempt.

Other special programs
This program carries with it a substantial national reputation as one of the leaders in athletic training education. It is one of the oldest and most successful programs in the country, and has made a positive impact on the profession of athletic training over the past 36 years.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE/ PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Faculty/student ratio is 1:3.5.

Scholarships
Currently there are four scholarships available to qualifying students at the junior/senior level.

Clubs and organizations
The Minnesota State University Student Athletic Trainers’ Association Club has been very active for the past 25 years in fundraising and educational activities.

BACKGROUND: HOW DO I PREPARE?

Students with a strong science (biology, anatomy, physiology, math, chemistry) and health care (CPR, first aid, etc.) background, and experience in an athletic training or other health care setting, generally have good success in this program. The program selection process is competitive and is based on academic skill, GPA, performance, references, and a formal interview.

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Safety/Security Programs & Statistics are available at mnsu.edu/safety
Placement & Occupational Outlook for Majors are available at www.mnsu.edu/cdc/ (Click on Resources and then Graduate Statistics)

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