

# Athletic Training Education Program Admission Policy

Candidates are admitted to the Athletic Training Education Program following the spring term of each academic year at the completion of a formal admission process. The admission process is competitive and admission is based on measures of student performance in both the academic and clinical settings. The number of students admitted to the undergraduate athletic training major will be approximately 25. Recent class sizes have ranged from 15 to 21 students. Notification of admittance occurs during the second half of July.

## Admission Requirements

- Admission to the College of Health and Human Sciences.
- Declaration of an academic major in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science.
- Overall OSU GPA equal to or greater than 2.75 on a 4.0 Scale.
- Completion of the Athletic Training Directed Observation Process.
- \*\*\*To be eligible for application, to the ATEP, the only chemistry course that is required is CHEM 121 or 221. However completion of the Chemistry Series (Chem 121, 122,123 or 221,222,223) is required for admission to the program and must be completed before beginning coursework in the ATEP program.
  - Chem 121\* or 221\* General Chemistry
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  - Chem 123 or 223 or 130 General Chemistry / General Chemistry of Living systems
  - EXSS 158\* Introduction to Athletic Training
  - EXSS 159\* Athletic Training Directed Observation Experience
  - PHAR 210\* Terminology of the Health Sciences\*Course grades will be used for applicant ranking.

## Application Procedure for Admission to Athletic Training Option

- During the academic year the applicant needs to complete the EXSS 158 (fall or winter) and EXSS 159 (winter or spring) course sequence. Although the University allows students to retake courses, this series can be taken only once during any given academic year.
- Submission of Athletic Training Education Program application by published date.
- The following documentation must be submitted to complete the application:
  - A completed (word-processed or typed) OSU Athletic Training Education Program admission application. Applications may be obtained [online](#) after approximately May 1st of each year.
  - Proof of satisfactory completion of, or enrollment in, all prerequisite courses.
  - A current unofficial (student) copy of your OSU transcript.

## **Admission Basis**

### **Grade Point Average in Prerequisite Courses:**

The grades from the following prerequisite courses will be used to calculate a Grade Point Average for the admission process.

- Chem 121 or 221\* General Chemistry
- EXSS 158 Care and Prevention of Athletic Training
- EXSS 159 Athletic Training Directed Observation Experience
- PHAR 210 Terminology of the Health Sciences

### **Admission Test Score:**

The written Admission Examination is designed to evaluate basic athletic training knowledge. The Admission Test is the average of the final examination in EXSS 158: Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries and the final practical exam in EXSS 159: Directed Observation in Athletic Training. These exams are administered during final exam week of the term in which the applicant is enrolled in the respective courses.

### **Personal Interview Score:**

Qualified applicants will participate in a personal interview conducted by the OSU Athletic Training Staff and OSU Athletic Training Faculty as part of the admission process for the Athletic Training Education Program. The interview will occur during the Spring term of the year of application. Each candidate's interview performance is evaluated by the interviewers with a numeric rating scale.

### **Clinical Staff Evaluation:**

An evaluation of the applicant's performance during the Athletic Training Directed Observation Process will be completed by a Certified Athletic Trainer associated with the Athletic Training Education Program.

## **Admission Decisions**

Applicants will be notified during the second half of July as to their status in the ATEP. Candidates for admission to the Athletic Training option who met all specified requirements for admission, but were not selected may re-apply for program admission the following academic year.

Applicant Rank is based on the weighting of each of these factors.

- Prerequisite GPA - 25%
- Application Test Score - 25%
- Interview Score - 30%
- Clinical Staff Evaluation - 20%

Under special circumstances, a deferment of admission may be granted.

## **ATEP Directed Observation Program**

All prospective athletic training students are required to complete the Pre-Athletic Training Program prior to gaining full admission into the Athletic Training option sponsored by the Department of Exercise and Sport Science. This program includes EXSS 158 and EXSS 159. Participation in this qualifying program enables the student to observe the day-to-day activities of the athletic training professionals associated with the Oregon State Athletic Training Education Program.

All prospective students interested in athletic training must complete one term of directed clinical observation (EXSS 159 - Directed Observation in Athletic Training) while enrolled as a student at Oregon State University in order to qualify for admission to the Athletic Training option.

During the Pre-Athletic Training Program, a student must complete the following athletic training coursework:

- EXSS 158 - Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries (3 credits) - beginning course in athletic training.
- EXSS 159 - Directed Observation in Athletic Training (1 credit) – Ten (10) documented hours of directed clinical observation of their sponsoring ATC affiliated with Oregon State University