



ARE YOU AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONSIDERING THE ATHLETIC TRAINING MAJOR?

If so, you should begin reviewing, and completing the online 'Athletic Training Pre-Professional Phase Application', which is accessible at the following link: <http://hhd.psu.edu/kines/program-overview-and-application-process>.

The application **deadline for each approaching Fall Semester is July 1st**, and consists of the following:

- Review of Athletic Training Major General Requirements
- Adviser Checklist (**necessary for Commonwealth Campus students only**)
 - **It is the student's responsibility to coordinate with their adviser to confirm that they complete the checklist form BEFORE July 1st**. The Department of Kinesiology will NOT assume responsibility for contacting the student's adviser to submit this checklist. Failure to meet this deadline will result in an incomplete application, and prevent the student from enrolling in KINES 231, and KINES 233.
- Clinical Observation Verification (**involves feedback from the athletic trainer you shadow for 25 hours**)
 - Most applicants complete the clinical observation experience during early Summer (May, June), Thanksgiving, Winter or Spring Break by shadowing an athletic trainer at their high school or surrounding home area. **Please be aware that this experience cannot be completed in the University Park Campus athletic training facilities**; however, if applicants choose to complete this requirement while classes are in session, they may do so by inquiring with athletic trainers practicing in the greater State College or surrounding areas. **Students should aim to complete the entire 25 hours under the supervision of one host**. Applicants are responsible for independently arranging this experience as a means of demonstrating resourcefulness, and accountability. The Department of Kinesiology will NOT be responsible for facilitating a clinical observation experience.
 - **Students must be certain to complete this experience with a Board of Certification credentialed athletic trainer, which can be verified at this site:** <https://i7lp.integral7.com/durango/do/pr/prSearch?ownername=boc&channel=boc>.
 - **It is the student's responsibility to coordinate with the host athletic trainer of the observational experience to confirm that he/she completes the student evaluation form BEFORE July 1st**. The Department of Kinesiology will NOT assume responsibility for contacting the host athletic trainer to submit this student evaluation. Failure to meet this deadline will result in an incomplete application, and prevent the student from enrolling in KINES 231, and KINES 233.

Enrollment in KINES 231 (Clinical Athletic Training I), and KINES 233 (Emergency Care in Athletic Training), which are only offered during Fall Semester at University Park Campus, is limited to 70 students, and based on the order that applications are processed. **It is recommended that students complete all parts of the Pre-Professional Phase application as soon as Athletic Training is identified as degree program of interest, even if only being considered as a possible major**. Completing an application does not commit a student to the program of study, it simply assures that students are able to register for the proper Fall Semester classes necessary to explore, or pursue the Athletic Training major. **It is strongly suggested that Commonwealth Campus students complete all components of the application before April 1st as a means to secure enrollment, and begin making accommodations for relocating to University Park Campus**. It takes approximately 2-3 weeks to process **FULLY completed** applications. Incomplete applications are NOT processed.

If you have specific questions about the application, or the Athletic Training major, please contact the Program Director at glv103@psu.edu or the Administrative Support Assistant at cab408@psu.edu.

Thank you,

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