



# **WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TRAINING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

## **When does the Master degree transition for Athletic Training Programs begin?**

The Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) has mandated all undergraduate Bachelor degree Athletic Training Programs submit for transition to a Master's degree or drop programs by the year 2026. After 2026, the Athletic Training major will no longer be offered as an undergraduate program (Bachelor's), only as a graduate program degree (Master's) for all institutions across the country who complete the transition process.

## **How will the Master's degree transition affect the WLU Athletic Training Program?**

The WLU Athletic Training Program is currently transitioning to a Master's degree program pending approval to meet the CAATE transition timeline. The current students in the program will complete remaining coursework and clinical requirements during the transition period.

## **What types of employment are available with an AT degree?**

There are many job opportunities and settings available upon graduation such as the following: high schools, clinics, many health care settings, graduate schools, colleges, fine arts, armed forces, professional teams, and even physician extenders, which is becoming very popular with Athletic Trainers. Certified athletic trainers are health care professionals who specialize in preventing, recognizing, managing and rehabilitating injuries that result from physical activity. As part of a complete health-care team, the certified athletic trainer works under the direction of a licensed physician and in cooperation with other health care professionals, athletics administrators, coaches and parents.

## **How do I apply for the program?**

**The WLU AT Undergraduate Program is currently not accepting new students at this time as part of the transition process to the Master's degree.** Prospective students (as of April 2020) can enroll in the Exercise Physiology Pre-Athletic Training Concentration and be eligible for the 3+2 program for the Masters of Athletic Training Degree. Please [click here](#) for more information on the course sequence for Exercise Physiology. More information on the MSAT from Graduate Studies will be available soon.

## **Do I need to have my CPR and First Aid completed prior to enrollment?**

No. Students will become certified in CPR and FA during a class they are required to take within the curriculum.

**Can I major in Athletic Training if I want to pursue a career in a professional health care setting?**

Yes. Degrees such as physical therapy, physician assistant, chiropractic, master's degree's in health-related fields, can all be pursued with a bachelor's degree in Athletic Training. It is up to the student however, to complete all pre-requisites for a given professional degree based on the requirements of a chosen University or College. The student will work with the academic advisor to ensure graduate school prerequisites for postgraduate healthcare professions are completed.

**Are any of the core classes online?**

Some core coursework within the Dept of Health and Human Performance as well as General Education requirements are offered online.

**Can I minor in Athletic Training?**

No. Athletic Training will no longer be offered as a major and does not have a minor available.

**Are there summer internships involved with the curriculum?**

Nothing is required during the summer; however, internships can be set up with various settings if a student chooses to.

**What is the minimum GPA required to remain in the program?**

Students must maintain at least a 2.8 cumulative GPA and earn nothing lower than a C in all AT major classes while in-program.

**Where are the clinical sites for the students?**

Students are required by the CAATE to receive clinical experiences in a variety of setting. The WLU AT program has clinical sites which include local high schools, physical therapy clinics, and a general medical facility, in addition to its own University athletic training rooms.