FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING UGA’S ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM

• How do I apply?
You must complete the pre-requisite courses, including the different areas, as listed in the UGA Bulletin. You must also complete the athletic training pre-requisites, including KINS2100+L, KINS2010, and KINS2470L. Students typically apply January of their Sophomore year. The application includes an essay on why you want to major in Athletic Training, 2 letters of recommendation, and a copy of current CPR/AED certification. Qualified students will be invited for a 15 minute professional interview. Admission decisions will be based on pre-requisite course grades, letters of recommendation, the essay, and the interview. See the Bulletin and Kinesiology homepage for details.

• What is the timeline for the application process? When do I start?
Applications must be complete and submitted by the 3rd Friday in January. Interviews typically occur in January or early February. Admission decisions will be made by mid-February. Students start courses second summer session then attend class and work clinically Fall and Spring for two years. Certain sport assignments begin at the end of July.

• Can I double major in Exercise Science?
Yes. We have many students who are double majoring in AT and EXS. Most courses apply to both majors. There are only 2 courses that are different. You will have to apply separately to each major.

• What will my sport assignment be? Can I request a sport?
Students are required to obtain a variety of clinical experiences, including equipment intensive, male/female, upper and lower extremity, in- and out-of-season, and non-athlete patient populations. We ensure students meet the required experiences. We do not accept requests, but may consider professional goals in making assignments.

• What is the time commitment for the Athletic Training Major?
Students are typically in class M-F from 8am-noon or 1, then at their clinical practicum the rest of the afternoon and into the evening. Depending on the clinical assignment, there may be early morning or late night practices, weekend practices and competition, and travel during the week or on weekends. Students must be required to be at their clinical site when classes are out of session. A maximum number of 25 hours per week may be spent at the clinical practicum, with a minimum of 10 hours per week.

• How do I get certified and obtain the ATC credential?
In the students’ final semester in the program, they may register to take the national Board of Certification exam, offered in February, April, or June. Once students take and pass the BOC exam, and graduate from UGA, they submit transcripts and documentation of CPR/AED certification. Once those are complete the ATC credential is granted.

• What jobs am I qualified for when I finish?
Our graduates have a high pass rate on the BOC exam. Graduates may work clinically as an athletic trainer in a variety of settings, including high schools, clinics, hospitals, military, or corporate/industrial. Graduates often pursue additional education, including graduate programs in Athletic Training or professional school, including PT, PA, OT, nursing, medical school, etc. A masters degree is required to work as an athletic trainer in a college or university.

• How important a factor are grades in the application process?
We are a high demand, competitive major. You must meet the minimum 2.5 GPA to apply. Most students admitted have GPAs above that.

• Can I work and take this major? Or play a sport and take this major?
Because of the heavy academic and clinical commitment, it is difficult to work or play a sport during the school year, though it can be done. We work with students individually by situation. Students may work part-time if they can still meet their academic and clinical requirements. We encourage students to work in the summers, when classes and clinical practicums are not required. Playing a sport may likely extend the length of the program.

• I am a transfer student. Which of my courses transfer and which don’t?
Some of your pre-requisites may transfer. You will need to check with UGA. All athletic training pre-requisites (KINS2100+L, 2010, and 2470L) must be taken on campus. These are offered Fall and Spring. You will need to be on campus a minimum of 5 semesters, plus one summer session before your first year, in order to complete the AT program coursework.