University of Georgia Athletic Training Program
Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply?
You must complete the pre-requisite courses as listed in the UGA Bulletin. Students typically apply during January of their second year. The application includes an essay on why you want to major in Athletic Training and 2 letters of recommendation. 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 Athletic Training homepage for additional details.

What is the timeline for the application process? When do I start?
Applications must be complete and submitted by January 18, 2019 at 5:00 pm EST. Interviews typically occur in early February. Admission decisions will be made by mid-March. Admitted students start courses during the second summer session (month of July) then attend class and work clinically during the 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 ESS. Most courses apply to both majors. There are only 2 courses that do not directly overlap (KINS 4400 and KINS 3830). You will have to apply separately to each major. Please note the differences in the application processes for 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 when making assignments.

What is the time commitment for the Athletic Training Major?
Students are typically in class M-F from 8am-12 pm or 1 pm, 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 competitions, and travel during the week or on weekends. Students may 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 a 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. CPR/AED certification is obtained after admittance to the athletic training program (students are responsible for the cost of this certification). Once the above steps 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 overall GPA to apply. Most students admitted have overall GPAs above 2.5.

**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 as an athletic training major, 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. As a first step you can consult the Transfer Equivalency Chart to see how courses have historically transferred into UGA, though it is suggested that you can contact an academic advisor for more specific questions. *All athletic training pre-requisites (KINS2100+L, 2010, and 2470) must be taken at UGA.* KINS 2100/L and KINS 2470L are offered in the Fall and Spring. KINS 2010/E is typically offered in the fall, spring and summer. 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.