



The Athletic Training Education Program is designed for students with professional goals in athletic training. Our degree program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education. Upon completion of the degree program, students are eligible to challenge the Board of Certification exam to become a Certified Athletic Trainer. Application to the program does not include application to the university. For consideration, students must be accepted to the University. To apply to the university, visit www.csumentor.edu.

Enrollment in the Athletic Training Education Program is limited. The Athletic Training Education Program is on impacted status, that is, the number of applications received tends to exceed the number of vacancies. Therefore, admission to the program is competitive, there is no waiting list. Only the most qualified applicants will be admitted. Applicants must reapply each time and compete with the entire applicant pool if not selected. New students can be admitted into the program each year. All applicants must complete the technical standards in athletic training for admission and retention in the program. Once admitted, students in the program complete a series of Athletic Training Practicum courses, involving 12- to 20-hours of supervised experiences under the direction of Approved Clinical Instructors (ACIs).

PREREQUISITES FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

1. COLLEGE LEVEL COURSE WORK:

Human Anatomy (PhyAn 64 or equivalent)
First Aid (HS 48 or equivalent)
Introduction to Athletic Training (KINES 38 equivalent)

2. REQUIRED OBSERVATION EXPERIENCE: A minimum of one semester or equivalent hours (approximately 200 hours) observing a Certified Athletic Trainer. Students at California State University, Fresno must take KINES 43: Preliminary Laboratory in Athletic Training. This course provides opportunity to acquire Directed Observations with certified athletic trainers here at Fresno State and at area high schools. *Transfer students must have the certified athletic trainer who is providing their recommendation indicate the number of hours of observation they have received under them (see recommendation forms in this packet).*

3. RECOMMENDATIONS: Two letters of recommendation; one must be from a NATA Certified Athletic Trainer. Please use the forms included in the application packet.

4. GRADE POINT AVERAGE: Minimum standards for acceptance into the program require an overall GPA of 2.5 with a 3.0 in the prerequisite courses. Unofficial transcripts must be submitted with the application.

Numbers 2-4 **MUST** be completed **PRIOR** to beginning the process.

Number 1 should be completed or in progress at the time of application.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. **DEADLINE:** Application materials must be submitted by **MARCH 1** for the Fall of the following year. It is the **responsibility** of the applicant to submit **ALL** application materials by the specified deadline.
2. **APPLICATION:** An application form can be obtained from the Program Director, the program website, and the office for the Department of Kinesiology. Remittance of this application is a formal request to enter the program. Applications should not be submitted until all prerequisites are complete or are in progress. Candidates can be accepted without admittance to the University but must be admitted into the University to begin the ATEP.
3. **LETTER OF APPLICATION:** A letter must accompany your application. The letter should contain the following:
 - A. Your reasons for choosing athletic training.
 - B. Your reasons for choosing Fresno State as the program to pursue this profession.
 - C. Your goals for the future and how becoming a Certified Athletic Trainer will help realize these goals.
4. **INTERVIEW:** A selection committee consisting of the Program Director, Clinical Coordinator, Clinical Instructors, and a Student Athletic Trainer(s) will conduct the interview. The interview will consist of a series of questions which will assess the applicants' knowledge, communication skills, problem solving ability, and their professional goals. Interviewees may be asked to take a written examination covering basic athletic training content as well as demonstrate a skill commonly utilized as an athletic training student (e.g., ankle taping).

SELECTION

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES: Applicants will be selected on the basis of: a) strength of the application including references, b) interview performance, c) overall GPA, and d) grades in prerequisite courses. Additional consideration is given to previous applicants not selected. California State University, Fresno does not discriminate on the basis race, color, national origin, gender, age, marital status, religion, disability or sexual orientation in the educational programs or activities it conducts.

NOTIFICATION: Applicants will be notified in writing of their status by May 1. Due to the number of excellent students applying to this program, not all qualified applicants will be accepted. Enrollment is limited. Alternates will be admitted in the event that a position is made available.

CRITERIA FOR RETENTION

A complete list of criteria for retention, probation, and dismissal is found on our program's website and in the Athletic Training Student Handbook.

This packet contains the following materials:

1. Application
2. Letters of Recommendation Forms (2)
3. Technical Standards for Admission

Candidates must also submit transcripts (unofficial transcript acceptable) for any community college and/or university which s/he has attended. These should be submitted with the letter of application, completed application, letters of recommendation forms, and Technical Standards Form.

Submit packet of completed application materials to:
Robert Pettitt, PhD, ATC, CSCS
Athletic Training Education Program
Department of Kinesiology
California State University, Fresno
5275 N. Campus Dr. (M/S SG28)
Fresno, CA 93740-8018
Direct questions to (559) 278-7389 or rpettitt@csufresno.edu

Application Deadline:
March 1

Fresno State Athletic Training Education Program Application



Please complete the following and return to:
 Fresno State Athletic Training Education Program, 5275 N. Campus Dr., M/S SG28, Fresno, CA 93740-8018
 Application Deadline: March 1st

Name		
Student ID Number (PS#)		
Date of Birth		
Date of Enrollment into Fresno State		
Proposed Date of Enrollment into Athletic Training Clinical Experience at Fresno State		
	Local	Permanent
City		
State		
Zip		
Phone		
Email		

Educational Experience

University

Name		
Street Address		
City		
State		
Zip		
Dates Attended		
GPA (4.0 scale)		
Major		
Minor		
Degree(s)		
Anticipated Graduation Date		
Extracurricular Activities		
Honors/Awards		
Clubs/Service Organizations		

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	Junior College	High School
Name		
Street Address		
City		
State		
Zip		
Dates Attended		
Graduation Date		
GPA (4.0 scale)		
Extracurricular Activities		
Honors/Awards		
Clubs/Service Organizations		
Major		
Minor		
Degree(s)		

Pre-requisite Courses Taken*	Course Number	Course Title	School	Grade
#Human Anatomy				
# Intro to Athletic Training				
#Professional Rescuer First Aid/CPR				
#Practicum in Athletic Training				
Human Physiology				

**Please complete for any courses previously taken or in-progress (IP)
 # Pre-requisite course work (requires a 3.0 GPA).*

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Athletic Training Experience									
Location (Name, City, State)	Months	Years	Dates	High School	Junior College	University	Clinic	Supervisor	Cert. #
				Check One					

Educational Clinics or Workshops Attended			
Name	Location	City, State	Dates

I hereby certify that information contained on this application is complete and correct.

Signature	Date

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California State University, Fresno
Athletic Training Education Program

Recommendation
with Ranking Grid

Candidate's Name: _____

(printed)

Last

First

Middle

To the person furnishing this recommendation: Please use this form for your recommendation. Once you have completed the recommendation place it in an envelope, seal the envelope, and sign across the flap of the envelope. You may return the completed recommendation form in its envelope to the student or mail it directly to the address at the bottom of this form. Thank you.

ATCs: please write here the number of hours this applicant has received under your direction here: _____

To the applicant and the evaluator: It is understood that this letter or evaluation will be maintained in confidence by the Department of Kinesiology at California State University, Fresno and will be used as one factor in considering application to the Athletic Training Education Program. In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, and the California Information Practices Act of 1977, and the related policies and regulations, it is also understood that upon request, this letter will be made available to the applicant for examination.

	No basis for judgement	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent Top 10%	Outstanding Top 2%
Intellectual potential						
Ability to analyze/problem solve						
Judgment and Common Sense						
Communication skills: oral						
Communication skills: written						
Ability to work with others						
Maturity, initiative, dependability						
Motivation for athletic training						
Overall Promise						

Signature _____ Date _____

Name _____

Title _____

Employer _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

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ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION PROGRAM *TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION*

The Athletic Training Educational Program at California State University, Fresno is a rigorous and intense program that places specific requirements and demands on the students enrolled in the program. An objective of this program is to prepare graduates to enter a variety of employment settings and to render care to a wide spectrum of individuals engaged in physical activity. The technical standards set forth by the Athletic Training Educational Program establish the essential qualities considered necessary for students admitted to this program to achieve the knowledge, skills, and competencies of an entry-level athletic trainer, as well as meet the expectations of the program's accrediting agency (Commission on Accreditation of Allied Training Education [CAATE]). All students admitted to the Athletic Training Educational Program must meet the following abilities and expectations. In the event a student is unable to fulfill these technical standards, with or without reasonable accommodation, the student will not be admitted into the program. Compliance with the program's technical standards does not guarantee a student's eligibility for the Board of Certification examination to become a certified athletic trainer.

Candidates for selection to the Athletic Training Educational Program must demonstrate:

1. the mental capacity to assimilate, analyze, synthesize, integrate concepts and problem solve to formulate assessment and therapeutic judgments and to be able to distinguish deviations from the norm;
2. sufficient postural and neuromuscular control, sensory function, and coordination to perform appropriate physical examinations using accepted techniques; and accurately, safely and efficiently use equipment and materials during the assessment and treatment of patients;
3. the ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with patients and colleagues, including individuals from different cultural and social backgrounds; this includes, but is not limited to, the ability to establish rapport with patients and communicate judgments and treatment information effectively. Students must be able to understand and speak the English language at a level consistent with competent professional practice;
4. the ability to record the physical examination results and a treatment plan clearly and accurately;
5. the capacity to maintain composure and continue to function well during periods of high stress;
6. the perseverance, diligence and commitment to complete the athletic training education program as outlined and sequenced;

7. flexibility and the ability to adjust to changing situations and uncertainty in clinical situations;
8. affective skills and appropriate demeanor and rapport that relate to professional education and quality patient care.

Candidates for selection to the athletic training educational program will be required to verify they understand and meet these technical standards or that they believe that, with certain accommodations, they can meet the standards.

The Services to Students with Disabilities Office will evaluate a student who states he/she could meet the program's technical standards with accommodation and confirm that the stated condition qualifies as a disability under applicable laws. If a student states he/she can meet the technical standards with accommodation, then the University will determine whether it agrees that the student can meet the technical standards with reasonable accommodation; this includes a review a whether the accommodations requested are reasonable, taking into account whether accommodation would jeopardize clinician/patient safety, or the educational process of the student or the institution, including all coursework, clinical experiences and internships deemed essential to graduation.

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards for selection listed above, and I believe to the best of my knowledge that I meet each of these standards without accommodation. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards I will not be admitted into the program.

Name (Printed) _____

Signature of Applicant

Date

Alternative statement for students requesting accommodations

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards of selection listed above and I believe to the best of my knowledge that I can meet each of these standards with certain accommodations. I will contact the Services to Students with Disabilities Office to determine what accommodations may be available. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards with or without accommodations, I will not be admitted into the program.

Name (Printed) _____

Signature of Applicant

Date