About the Program
The athletic training program at SRU prepares selected undergraduate students with the knowledge, skills and abilities to provide care to athletes and the physically active within the domains of athletic training practice. The Slippery Rock University AT program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (www.caate.net). SRU sponsors a unique accelerated AT program that allows athletic training students to graduate in December of their senior (fourth) year. This is accomplished with a highly structured curriculum that is sequenced over three and one-half years or seven semesters. Formal acceptance is required into the professional clinical strand of the AT program. Although most of the clinical experiences take place on-campus with SRU’s certified athletic trainers and varsity athletic teams, all athletic training students are required to spend at least one rotation off-campus with various affiliate sites. Students also complete a general medical rotation, exposing them to non-orthopedic illnesses. Following the completion of the program, students are eligible to sit for the national examination to become certified athletic trainers.

Who are athletic trainers?
Athletic trainers are health care professionals who collaborate with physicians to optimize activity and participation of patients and clients and are experts in the prevention, assessment, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation, particularly in the orthopedic and musculoskeletal disciplines. Athletic training has been recognized by the American Medical Association as an allied health care profession since 1990.

Organizations
- SRU Athletic Training Association - www.sru.edu/athletictraining
- Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers’ Society
- Eastern Athletic Trainers’ Association
- National Athletic Trainers’ Association

Majors
- Athletic Training (Bachelor of Science)

Concentration:
- Chatham University Physician Assistant; option open to first semester freshman only
Career Opportunities

Students fulfilling the total 120 credit hours of academic program requirements will graduate with a bachelor of science degree. Graduates are qualified and prepared to challenge the Board of Certification (www.bocatc.org) credentialing examination and meet each state's professional regulation requirements. As such, graduates of the SRU AT program are qualified to work in a variety of employment venues such as the traditional setting (colleges and universities, public and secondary schools, professional sports, national and international sports, rehabilitation clinics and hospitals) and the non-traditional setting (industry, military, fitness and wellness centers, emergency rooms, the performing arts, and physician offices).

In addition to seeking employment upon graduation from SRU, many of our graduates pursue advanced degrees (master and doctorate degrees) in related fields such as athletic training, exercise science, biomechanics, education, counseling, health promotion and wellness, and health care administration. Some graduates will pursue other medical professions such as physician assistants, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and general and orthopedic medicine (physicians and physician assistants).

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