

ATHLETIC TRAINING

MASTER OF SCIENCE
COLLEGE OF HEALTH, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE
SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Athletic Training (AT) Graduate Program at Slippery Rock University is a combination of rigorous academic instruction and authentic clinical experience. The AT Graduate Program prepares proficient healthcare practitioners who will collaborate with other medical professionals to optimize the activity and wellness of patients and clients in sport, work, and life. Students are fully engaged in the science of athletic training focused on patient-centered injury and illness prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and care. Specifically, the SRU AT Graduate Program emphasizes a distinct concentration on advanced therapeutic rehabilitation interventions.

The AT Graduate Program is guided by the athletic training professional standards as well as the core program values of professionalism, respect, compassion, inter-professional education, evidence-based practice and student-centered learning. Students develop communication, collaboration, organization, teamwork, problem-solving and decision-making skills necessary for proficient practice with a diverse population.

Students successfully completing the AT Graduate Program are eligible to take the Board of Certification (BOC) Inc. examination. Graduates who pass the BOC examination are qualified to deliver quality healthcare in various employment settings such as high schools, colleges, professional sports, industrial, military and performing arts. Graduates are also prepared to contribute to the global medical community by reducing healthcare costs, improving healthcare accessibility, preventing and managing diseases, and promoting wellness.

Individuals holding the BOC credential or are eligible to take the BOC examination are not candidates for the SRU AT Graduate Program.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The AT Graduate Program is unique because:

- An established history and tradition of excellence in athletic training education with the undergraduate program that was founded in 1974 (1974-2020).
 - Continuous accreditation status from its inception without a single incident of probation
 - For the last decade, the SRU BOC first time pass rate has averaged 9.94% above the national first time pass rate
 - Forty-four scholarships awarded to students by the National Athletic Trainers' Association since 1991
- Essential opportunities are provided for intentional collaboration of learning and clinical practice with students in other healthcare programs at SRU.
- The SRU AT Graduate Program is structured to provide students with real-world learning experiences and clinical reasoning. For example, the knowledge and skills related to evaluation and rehabilitation were traditionally taught in separate courses. However, at SRU, essential professional knowledge and skills are integrated together into combined courses.
- The coursework emphasizes content in advanced therapeutic rehabilitation interventions.
- The graduate program is committed to providing diverse, authentic, and immersive clinical experiences.

ACCREDITATION

Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania is accredited by the **Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE)** located at 6850 Austin Center Blvd., Suite 100, Austin, TX 78731-3184. The program will have its next comprehensive review during the 2021-2022 academic year.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE

All students successfully completing this program are eligible to sit for the Board of Certification (BOC), Inc. examination. Additionally, athletic trainers must hold licensure credentials in the state they practice. As regulations vary by state, please check the licensing board in your state.

TUITION & ASSISTANTSHIPS

Information on current tuition and assistantships can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate. Financial aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office www.sru.edu/FinAid or the Office of Graduate Admissions.



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CURRICULUM (57 CREDITS)

The AT Graduate Program will require 57 credits of classroom courses and clinical experiences offered sequentially over four consecutive semesters and one summer to promote progressive, higher-order learning over time. Students will matriculate full-time in a cohort.

TWO YEARS - FULL TIME

SUMMER 1 (3 credits)	FALL 1 (18 credits)	SPRING 1 (18 credits)
ATTR 601: AT Foundations & Techniques I (3)	ATTR 602: AT Foundations & Techniques II (3) ATTR 603: Evidence-Based Practice in AT (3) ATTR 604: Clinical Anatomy and Kinesiology in AT I (3) ATTR 605: Lower Extremity Evaluation and Rehabilitation (3) ATTR 610: Clinical Experiences in AT I (3)	ATTR 606: Upper Extremity Evaluation and Rehabilitation (6) ATTR 607: General Medicine Concepts in AT (3) ATTR 608: Clinical Anatomy and Kinesiology in AT II (3) ATTR 609: Head and Spine Evaluation and Rehabilitation (3) ATTR 710: Clinical Experiences in AT II (3)
SUMMER 2	FALL 2 (9 credits)	SPRING 2 (9 credits)
	ATTR 725: AT Administration (3) ATTR 750: Advanced AT Clinical Residency (6)	ATTR 715: Advanced Interventions and Techniques in AT (3) ATTR 755: Advanced Synthesis in AT (3) ATTR 760: Clinical Experiences in AT III (3)

PROGRAM OPTIONS

- Undergraduate students enrolled in an approved 3+2 Pre-Athletic Training major with prerequisite courses will apply for admission during the third undergraduate year and be able to complete the SRU AT Graduate Program in a fifth year (3+2). Students with earned degrees and prerequisites will apply for admission and complete the AT Graduate Program in two years (4+2).
- For a list of current partnership agreement (articulation agreement) institutions, visit www.sru.edu/at.

TESTIMONIAL

"Slippery Rock University's Athletic Training Program has set me apart from the competition when applying for non-traditional positions. The education I received from this program has allowed me to be a leader in the industrial and occupational settings by providing me the tools I need to recognize risk factors for potential acute, chronic, and severe injuries in the workplace...If you want to set yourself apart, choose Slippery Rock University!" Amanda Morton '15

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must submit the following materials with a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

Minimum admission requirements include the following:

- A minimum of a baccalaureate degree (4+2) or completion of the first three years of an approved 3+2 Pre-Athletic Training Concentration AND the following prerequisites (taken within the past 5 years):
 - Anatomy & Physiology I with lab (3-4 credits)
 - Anatomy & Physiology II with lab (3-4 credits)
 - Chemistry (3-4 credits)
 - Kinesiology or Biomechanics (3-4 credits)
 - Physics I with lab (3-4 credits)
 - Exercise Physiology (3-4 credits)
 - Nutrition (3 credits)
 - Psychology (3 credits; introductory, developmental or abnormal)
 - Statistics (3 credits)
 - Medical Terminology (at least 1 credit)
 - Biology (3 credits)
- A "C" or better in all prerequisite courses
- Official transcripts from any accredited college/university where credits have been earned - GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. (Students with a GPA below 3.0 may apply for conditional admission)
- Two electronic reference forms:
 - One from an academic advisor or instructor
 - One from a healthcare provider; an athletic trainer is preferred
- Evidence of 50 hours of clinical observation/shadowing with an athletic trainer

Note: Upon formal admission to the program, the applicant is required to confirm the ability to meet the Technical Standards of the program. By July 1, the student must provide valid proof of Professional Rescuer Level CPR and First Aid Certification. Before participating in an assigned Athletic Training Clinical Experience and/or Advanced Athletic Training Clinical Residency, the student will need to provide valid proof of:

- PA State Criminal History Background Check (Act 34)
- PA Child Abuse History Clearance Form (Act 151)
- PA Department of Education or Department of Human Services FBI Federal Criminal History Record (Act 114) [depending on affiliate site assignment]
- PA Child Abuse Recognition and Report Act (Act 126) [depending on affiliate site assignment]
- Inoculations current with OSHA requirements for healthcare providers
- Others as required by affiliate site

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