School of Behavioral & Health Sciences
Athletic Training Program
Bachelor of Science

Program Coordinator: H. Hess

The King University Athletic Training Program is designed to provide students with the knowledge and clinical skills necessary to pursue a career in Athletic Training. Beyond completing the course curriculum for the major, students must also pass the Board of Certification (BOC), Inc. national certifying examination in order to become a Certified Athletic Trainer and be able to seek employment as such.

The courses in the Athletic Training Program include both traditional classroom instruction and clinical experiences so that students have the opportunity to learn and master skills that are required of an entry-level Athletic Training Professional. All clinical courses require that the student obtain a minimum of 150 and maximum of 400 clinical experience hours observing and assisting Certified Athletic Trainers and other allied health care professionals. The senior internship requires a minimum of 500 hours and a maximum of 750 clinical experience hours.

The King University Athletic Training Program is accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Athletic Training Education (CAATE).

Admission Requirements
Admission to King University does not guarantee admission into the Athletic Training Program. First year students who are interested in entering the Athletic Training Program the following fall are instructed to enroll in the pre-requisite courses for admission, which are ATEP 2510, Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries, and BIOL 1010, Anatomy and Physiology I. Students who are eligible to apply may do so in the spring semester, with the application deadline occurring in March of each year.

Applications materials can be found on the Athletic Training Program website (atep.king.edu) or can be obtained from the Athletic Training Program Coordinator. Qualified applicants will be selected for an interview. Due to CAATE requirements regarding the ratio of clinical instructors to students, a limited number of applicants can be admitted to the program each year. Students eligible to apply to the Athletic Training Program will have:

- A cumulative GPA of 3.0
- A grade of C or better in the two pre-requisite courses (ATEP 2510 and BIOL 1010)
- Met the minimum requirements for observation in the King University Athletic Training department associated with ATEP 2510
• Submitted a letter of interest to the Athletic Training Program Coordinator and Faculty
• Submitted three (3) letters of recommendation to the Athletic Training Program Coordinator and Faculty
• Submitted the Safety and Technical Standards form, as required by CAATE
• If a student-athlete, submitted the Student-Athlete/Coach agreement form contract
• Submitted a signed Athletic Training Program Requirement checklist

Successful applicants who are admitted into the Athletic Training Program will be required to:

• Provide proof of a complete physical from a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner each year
• Provide documentation of immunizations against Hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella or a completed declination of vaccinations
• Provide documentation of a Tuberculin (TB) skin test, repeated each year
• Provide documentation of an Influenza vaccine by November 1st of each year
• Submit a background check performed by the King University Office of Safety and Security
  o Adverse background checks may negatively affect the student’s ability to participate in clinical experiences and may have ramifications on future employment
• Provide proof of health insurance
• Provide proof of personal liability insurance purchased through www.proliability.com
• Provide proof of membership to the National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA), along with a subscription to ATrack, the clinical skill documentation program through the NATA
• Provide a signed understanding of the Athletic Training Program Policies and Procedures Manual.

Transfer Student Policy
A student who has completed an Associate’s, Bachelor’s, or Master’s degree at another institution may apply for admission to the King University Athletic Training Program with the intent to complete a Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training. Transfer students must meet the same admission requirements as traditional students. Transfer credits from regionally accredited colleges or universities may be accepted and applied toward the degree being sought.

All students must take the following three courses and meet the Cross-Cultural Experience requirement while enrolled at King University: KING 2000, ENGC 3010, and KING 4000. Transfer students who have not completed required courses such as Anatomy & Physiology I and II, Chemistry, and a math course containing Statistics may be required to take those courses at King University. All transfer students must meet the residency requirements of 48 King University credits and complete all required courses for the Athletic Training major at King University.
Transfer students must apply to the Athletic Training Program as well as to King University. If the current class meets the Clinical Instructor to Student ratio, admission to the program may be delayed until the following fall. If a student has been enrolled in an Athletic Training Program at another college or university, his or her transcript will be assessed on an individual basis to determine which courses will be accepted by the King University Athletic Training Program.

Transfer students must meet the 3.0 GPA requirement, as well as having earned a grade of C or better in all required major courses (i.e. Anatomy & Physiology, Chemistry, General Psychology, and Statistics). Students who have earned less than a grade of C in a required major course at another institution must repeat that course once admitted to King University and may have to do so before admission to the Athletic Training Program is granted.

**Athletic Training Program Provisional Admission**
A student who does not meet the cumulative GPA requirement of 3.0 may still apply to the Athletic Training Program. As long as all other admission requirements are fulfilled, students with a cumulative GPA between a 2.75 and a 3.0 may be granted a provisional admission to the Athletic Training Program with the stipulation that the cumulative 3.0 GPA be met the following semester. If the student does not attain a cumulative 3.0 GPA by the end of the provisional semester, and/or does not attain a grade of C or better in all Athletic Training Program courses, the student will be dismissed from the Athletic Training Program with the opportunity to reapply once the minimum standards for GPA and grades have been met.

**Progression in Athletic Training**
Once admitted into the Athletic Training Program, students must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA and earn a grade of C or better in all courses required for the program. Students who take courses out of the designed sequence, or students who may be seeking readmission to the program after dismissal should be aware that class size may impact the student’s ability to progress or to re-enter the program.

Prior to the beginning of each academic year in the Athletic Training Program, each student is required to submit documentation of an updated Tuberculin (TB) skin test, along with a complete physical, completed by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner. If the health status of a student changes after admitted into the Athletic Training Program, the student must present evidence of good health and freedom form communicable disease before progression in the clinical components of the program.

Additional requirements for clinical progression within the Athletic Training Program are CPR certification for the Health Care Professional either through the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association and demonstrated ability to adhere to:

- All guidelines set forth by their assigned clinical site,
- OSHA standards for safety in the workplace, and
- Confidentiality guidelines as set forth by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
The Athletic Training Program is designed for full-time study, and all athletic training students are expected to maintain full-time status. Full-time, traditional students can expect to complete the program in six (6) semesters of study. By committing to full-time study, students agree to complete all course requirements, including clinical assignments, as outlined for each designated semester. If a student withdraws from the Athletic Training Program or if a student fails to meet the requirements for progression in the program, the student will not be permitted to progress in the program or may be dismissed.

Compelling life events may require that a student seek to study athletic training on a part-time basis. If such circumstances arise, requests for part-time study will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. All part-time students must remain continuously enrolled in the Athletic Training Program major courses during the traditional semesters (fall and spring), or they will be required to re-apply for program admission.

Probation and Dismissal from the Athletic Training Program
Students admitted to the Athletic Training Program must maintain high standards in academics, ethics and professional conduct. Academically, students must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA and earn a grade of C or better in all Athletic Training Program major courses. A student who fails to maintain these standards will have one probationary semester to achieve the minimum standards. If the minimum standards are not met after the probationary semester, the student will be dismissed from the program, with the opportunity to re-apply once GPA and/or grades are brought up to the minimum standards.

Ethically and professionally, students must exhibit behavior that is consistent with the Code of Ethics as set forth by the NATA, and mission statements of both King University and the Athletic Training Program. Students who repeatedly display behavior that is not consistent with the above mentioned standards will be dismissed from the program without the opportunity to reapply.

Please refer to the Athletic Training Policies and Procedures Manual on the Athletic Training Program website (atep.king.edu) for a complete description of the program, academic requirements, fees, etc.

Core Curriculum Requirements
Athletic Training Program majors should fulfill specified categories of the King Core Curriculum by taking the courses indicated below. See the “The Core Curriculum” section of the catalog for additional details.

Science
BIOL 1010
Human Anatomy and Physiology I .............................................. 4 s.h.

Quantitative Literacy
MATH 1560
Introduction to Statistics............................................................... 4 s.h.
Athletic Training Major Requirements

ATEP 2510
Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries..................................................4 s.h.
ATEP 3010
Methods of Research and Design in the Health Sciences........2 s.h.
ATEP 3400, 3401, 3402, 3403, 3404
Clinical Experience in Athletic Training I-V.............................10 s.h.
ATEP 3420
Pathophysiology and Pharmacology in Athletic Training........4 s.h.
ATEP 3430
Organization and Administration of Athletic Training...............2 s.h.
ATEP 3440
Rehabilitation of Athletic Injuries I.................................2 s.h.
ATEP 3445
Rehabilitation of Athletic Injuries II.................................2 s.h.
ATEP 3450
Therapeutic Modalities.................................................................4 s.h.
ATEP 3460
Advanced Evaluation of Athletic Injuries I.............................4 s.h.
ATEP 3470
Advanced Evaluation of Athletic Injuries II.............................4 s.h.
ATEP 3680
Kinesiology..........................................................................................4 s.h.
ATEP 3690
Exercise Physiology.............................................................................4 s.h.
ATEP 4100
Senior Seminar................................................................................2 s.h.
ATEP 4900
Clinical Internship in Athletic Training..................................10 s.h.
ATEP 4990
Comprehensive Assessment...........................................0 s.h.
BIOL 1020
Human Anatomy and Physiology II.............................................4 s.h.
PHED 3550
Nutrition and Conditioning.............................................................4 s.h.
CHEM 1020
Chemistry for Health Sciences.....................................................4 s.h.
PSYC 1520
General Psychology...........................................................................4 s.h.

Summary of Total Credits
Core Curriculum.........................................................42 s.h.
Major Requirements.........................................................74 s.h.
Electives/Minor/2nd Major.........................................................8 s.h.
Minimum to Earn Bachelor of Science.................................124 s.h.