

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

Athletic Training

(Five-year Bachelor of Science/Master of Science Degree)

Major Information

Informed by our long and successful history of preparing students to enter the athletic training profession, Springfield College now provides students the opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degree in five years. The program is divided into two phases: the pre-professional phase, and the professional phase. The pre-professional phase occurs at the undergraduate level where the student majors in exercise science/pre-professional athletic training. At the conclusion of the pre-professional phase, students will earn a Bachelor of Science. The professional phase occurs at the graduate level.

Requirements for application to the program include the following:

Academic Requirements

- GPA of 3.0/4.0
- We do not require the SAT or ACT for admission into this program.
- Strong college preparatory science and mathematics coursework
- AP credits are strongly recommended
- Letter of recommendation from an individual who can attest to your potential for success as a health care provider
- Completion of PPAT Supplemental Application.

Matriculation Standards

- Students must maintain 3.0 cumulative GPA, and meet academic and professional standards.
- Students in good standing who meet all academic and clinical admission requirements at the conclusion of the third year of the exercise science/pre-professional athletic training major, and hold current certification in BLS level CPR are accepted into the Master of Science in athletic training program.
- Students have an additional 18 credits to complete towards the Bachelor of Science degree during their fourth year.

Clinical Education and Hands-on Learning

We believe that a key component for developing the attributes that distinguish the Springfield College educated athletic trainer from others is early and frequent engagement in hands-on learning experiences.

Pre-professional Phase—Bachelor of Science

- Students will complete three experiential learning practicum courses accumulating approximately 200 hours of active observation and hands-on learning in a diverse range of real-world workplace settings.
- Practicums focus on developing professional attributes, learning the day-to-day role of an athletic trainer, developing injury prevention strategies, and enhancing the health and well-being of physically active individuals.

Professional Phase—Master of Science

- Students will complete six clinical practicum courses, totaling more than 51 weeks of hands-on experiences under the supervision of health care providers.
- Practicums will afford clinical practice opportunities nationwide in settings such as interscholastic, intercollegiate, professional sports, performing arts, physician offices, and more.



Questions? Contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions staff at (413) 748-3136 or admissions@springfield.edu. Or contact Jessica Barrett, PhD, LAT, ATC, assistant professor of athletic training and director of pre-professional athletic training at jbarrett3@springfield.edu or (413) 748-4763.

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FIVE GREAT REASONS TO MAJOR IN ATHLETIC TRAINING AT SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

1. You'll join a booming career industry.

The athletic training career field is expected to grow by 23 percent through 2026, faster than the average for all occupations, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. As a Springfield College athletic training graduate, you'll be in demand.

2. We provide knowledge and hands-on experience that is truly second to none.

Springfield College has been preparing athletic trainers for successful careers since 1925, long before the profession was popular. As part of this internationally recognized program, accredited by Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, you'll gain the training and experience to help you succeed.

3. You'll gain access to an abundant network of alumni eager to help.

There are thousands of Springfield College graduates employed by professional teams, high schools, and colleges and universities, who are willing to help new Springfield College graduates find work. They know firsthand the training and education you've received, and how well prepared you are to become a successful athletic trainer upon graduation.

4. 100 percent of new undergraduate students who complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid receive financial aid.

At Springfield College, the average financial aid package is \$30,000. Undergraduate financial aid can be applied toward graduate level courses taken in the fourth year of the program. In your fourth year, you'll take 18 credits of graduate-level courses billed at the undergraduate rate—saving you more money.

5. \$10,000 Tuition Grant Opportunity

When you transition from the preprofessional to the professional phase of the program at the end of the third year, are in good academic standing, and have met all the matriculation requirements, you will receive an automatic \$10,000 grant toward tuition. Completing your athletic training degree at Springfield College allows you to enter the workforce in five years instead of six, which means you can begin earning income sooner.

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