

Criteria for Admission to the Athletic Training Program

The following criteria are to be satisfied for matriculation into the professional phase of the Athletic Training Education Program:

1. Successful completion of 24 semester hours
2. A grade of “C+” or better in the following ATR courses:
 - ATR 101: Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries*
 - ATR 102: Taping, Bracing, and Protective Equipment*
 - ATR 202: Injury Evaluation: Lower Body*
3. A grade of “C” or better in the following support courses:
 - SMS 175: First Responder Training**
 - BIO 200: Anatomy and Physiology I**
4. Completion of assigned observation hours.

The Athletic Training Program employs a secondary admissions process during the fall semester of the sophomore year of the curriculum. Acceptance from the pre-professional phase to the professional phase of Athletic Training is limited each academic year and is based upon the following criteria:

1. Filing of the appropriate forms to the Program Director by the first Monday of November.
2. Three letters of recommendation, with at least one being from a Salem State University faculty member by the required date.
3. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 at the time of application to the program.
4. Scoring a minimum of 70% on the written and oral/practical examination.
5. Successful interview with the Selection Committee.
6. Compliance with the Athletic Training Program Technical Standards, published in the Athletic Training Handbook.
7. Fulfillment of the health and safety requirements as outlined in the Athletic Training Student Handbook. This includes the completion of the Immunization Questionnaire, HIPAA Training, Blood Borne Pathogens Training, physical examination, health history, proof of health insurance.
8. Meeting standards does not guarantee admission.

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Criteria for Retention in the Athletic Training Program

The following criteria are to be satisfied for retention in the Athletic Training Program:

1. Students accepted into the Athletic Training Program will be expected to follow the course sequence outlined below. Changes may be made only with the permission of the Program Director and the SMS Department Chairperson.
2. A grade of C+ or better in all ATR courses. Failure to maintain this level of performance will result in dismissal from the program.
3. A grade of C or better in each of the athletic training and support courses. See the Athletic Training Handbook for a list of courses requiring a grade of C. Failure to maintain this level of performance will result in dismissal from the program.
4. A grade of B- in all Athletic Training Practicum classes.
5. A cumulative GPA of 2.8 is required for retention in the program. Failure to maintain this level of performance will result in dismissal from the program.
6. Only one practicum course may be taken per semester. No more than two practicum courses may be taken per year.
7. Satisfactory completion of competencies and evaluations from a Preceptor.