



Central Connecticut State University
Department of Physical Education & Human Performance
Application for Admission into the Athletic Training Education Program

Deadlines for Submission

Fall Semester: September 10th

Spring Semester: February 10th

ADMISSION TO THE ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

Undergraduate applicants seeking admission to the athletic training education program are required to submit a file of materials for review by the Department of Physical Education and Human Performance (PE&HP). The applicant's completed file should be submitted prior to September 10 for fall candidates and February 10 (second semester sophomore year) for spring candidates. Applications for admission may be obtained in the Department of Physical Education and Human Performance, Kaiser Hall, Room 0180

Requirements for Admission

1. Completion of application to the professional program for Athletic Training.
2. Successful completion of ~~200 hours in the pre-clinical aspect which includes observations and pre-clinical rotations at CCSU.~~
Successful completion of 50-80 hours of observation in the athletic training facility and sport coverage at CCSU.
Rationale: Per CAATE standards AT students are not permitted to have patient contact until formally accepted into the professional program, therefore students will be applying to the professional program 1 semester earlier. There will not be sufficient time to complete 200 hours of observation.
- ~~3. Completion of 45 credits of which a minimum of 15 credits have been earned at CCSU.~~
3. Completion of 30 credits of which a minimum of 15 credits have been earned at CCSU.
Rationale: Students are applying to the professional program 1 semester earlier and will not have time to complete 45 credits
- ~~4. Successful completion of 4 credits of Human Anatomy (C- or better grade).~~
4. Successful completion of 4 credits of Human Anatomy & Physiology I with lab (C- or better grade in lecture and lab)
Rationale: Proper use of course title
5. Successful completion of [EXS 112](#) and [EXS 217](#) at CCSU (C- or higher grade in both courses).
- ~~6. Successful completion of BMS 380: EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN and current State of Connecticut or National Registry EMT-B Certification (or higher).~~
6. Successful completion of BMS 380: EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN course or verification of equivalent course.
Rationale: Students are applying to the professional program during the semester they are enrolled in BMS 380 as opposed to the semester after, therefore removing the passing of the EMT certification test at time of application.
7. University Grade Point average of 2.50
- ~~8. Departmental grade point average (GPA) of 2.50~~
8. Departmental grade point average (GPA) of 2.70.
Rationale: Proposed 2.70 GPA was suggested through the accreditation visit. Additionally, it would be consistent and in alignment with CCSU's Exercise Science Major, thus allowing for easier change of major from AT to EXS.
- ~~9. Two letters of recommendation (from persons who can best attest to the candidate's potential)~~
9. Two letters of recommendation: one from a CCSU faculty preceptor and the second from a Department of PE&HP faculty member using the required forms.
Rationale: Restricts letter of recommendations to Department PE& HP faculty members who have had the opportunity to directly know the applicant.

10. The presentation of an essay demonstrating command of the English language, citing reasons for wanting to enroll in the program, and emphasizing experiences related to athletic training (500-750 words).
- ~~11. An interview with the Screening Committee of the Department of Physical Education and Human Performance, including at least one member of the athletic training faculty and/or clinical instructor.~~
- 11. An interview with the Screening Committee of the Department of Physical Education and Human Performance, including at least one core ATEP faculty member.**
Rationale: Correct use of CAATE terminology.

Retention Policy

Once admitted to the professional program, the following requirements must be maintained in order to remain in “**Good Standing**” within the Athletic Training Education Program the student must:

1. Maintain a University cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50.
- ~~2. Departmental grade point average (GPA) of 2.50~~
- 2. Maintain a Departmental grade point average (GPA) 2.70.**
Rationale: In alignment with new admission requirement.
- ~~3. Students must successfully demonstrate all the required skill competencies.~~
- 3. Successfully demonstrate required clinical skill proficiencies in EXS 218, EXS 240, EXS 315, EXS 317, EXS 316, EXS 319, and EXS 445.**
Rationale: use of appropriate terminology as defined by CAATE, with correlation of proficiencies to specific AT courses that involve demonstration of clinical skills.
- ~~4. Students must be current in State of Connecticut or National Registry EMT-B Certification~~
- 4. Maintain current State of Connecticut or National Registry EMT-B Certification or higher throughout EXS 315, EXS 316, EXS 319, and EXS 445.**
Rationale: Current EMT Certification status required for all practicum courses which requires the athletic training student to participate in real time patient contact experiences.

If a candidate drops below the required GPA levels and/or fails to complete the skill competencies, and/or fails to maintain EMT Certification, he or she may be denied enrollment to professional program courses, practicum courses and internship assignments ~~until requirements reach the appropriate level.~~

If a candidate drops below the required GPA levels; and/or fails to complete the skill proficiencies; and/or fails to maintain EMT Certification, he or she may be denied enrollment to professional program courses, practicum courses and internship assignments until the GPA and/ or competencies reach the appropriate level; and/or EMT certification is valid.

Rationale: Better defines what appropriate level is.

Candidates who fail to meet the GPA requirement needed for application to the professional program for two consecutive semesters after completing EXS 217 will no longer be allowed to apply to the Athletic Training Professional Program.

Rationale: CCSU's ATEP is competitive, requiring students to make normal progress toward graduation by demonstrating academic success and clinical skill competence in order to meet CAATE standards and BOC eligibility. Also, students are put in a position of great responsibility with the care of patients. Candidates who continuously fail to meet the minimum academic requirements may put patients at risk.

Please Note: Revisions to the athletic training education program may occur in order to maintain compliance with national accreditation standards. Students should check with the program director and/or the CCSU athletic training education website regarding the possibility of new requirements.

Transfer Policy

Transfer students must meet the same course requirements and application procedures. Transfer students are required to complete a minimum of 15 credits “in residence” at CCSU prior to applying to the professional program. The 15 credits for transfer students may be in General Education and/or within the Athletic Training Education Program and must include [EXS 112](#) and [EXS 217](#) at CCSU. Currently, all requests for transfer into the Athletic Training Education Program either by students from other universities or by CCSU students looking to change majors are handled on a case-by-case basis. The number of students accepted in this manner depends on the number of openings available in that year. For acceptance into the Athletic Training Education Program, transfer students must successfully complete of 50-80 hours of observation in the athletic training facility and sport coverage at CCSU.