

athletic training

UNION COLLEGE

Department of Wellness, Human Performance, and Recreation

DESCRIPTION: Bachelor of Science

The Union College athletic training major is for students interested in serving as athletic trainers in a variety of settings. Athletic trainers specialize in the prevention, assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation of musculoskeletal injuries and are recognized by the American Medical Association as allied health professionals.

Upon graduation, students will earn a bachelor's of science in athletic training and be prepared to take the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification exam and/or to pursue graduate studies. Students who complete their degree and pass the exam are awarded the ATC professional credential, the entry-level credential required to practice athletic training in most states. Coursework for the major includes the core curriculum as well as health and science classes in classrooms and clinical settings.

KEY STRENGTHS

- Five, full-time athletic trainers on staff allow for one-to-one mentoring and teaching
- Close relationships with multiple team physicians will expose you to a wealth of information on athletic-related injuries

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Chance to intern with professional sports teams and in other settings
- Experience with all types of rehabilitations in a physical therapy clinic
- Gain valuable experience by working with Union's 23 athletic programs
- Clinical experience, including shadowing an orthopedic surgeon in the office and operating room
- Students may apply for UConnect, a mentoring program that matches students with alumni and friends who have found success in athletic training

FACILITIES

- Two, fully-functioning, full-time athletic training rooms
- Plans are underway for an athletic training lab for use as a research and study facility
- Soldiers and Sailors Wellness Center will be used for students working with rehabilitations

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Athletic trainers are hired in a variety of settings and industries, including:

- Spectator sports
- Sports teams
- Education
- Health and fitness centers
- Recreational sports centers
- Physicians' offices
- Hospitals and clinics
- Marketing and sales (athletic and medical equipment)

EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

- Employment of athletic trainers in the US is expected to grow 24 percent from 2006 to 2016, much faster than the national average for all occupations. In Kentucky, demand for athletic trainers is expected to increase by 33 percent between 2004 and 2014, well above the national average.

SALARY DATA

- The median salary for athletic trainers in the US is \$38,060. Salaries range from roughly \$23,000 to \$60,000. In Kentucky, the mean salary for an athletic trainer is \$44,020.

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