About the Program

The Athletic Trainer Program accommodates both Board of Certification (BOC) certified athletic trainers and Board of Certification (BOC) “certification eligible” athletic trainers. The AT Program is a collaboration of the University of Kentucky College of Health Sciences, UK Athletics, and UK Sports Medicine. Graduate assistantships are available on a competitive basis. Funding for the assistantships is provided through UK Athletics, local sports medicine clinics, and high schools.

What careers or educational options can I pursue with an Athletic Training degree?

Athletic Training (AT) graduates can be employed in various environments including but not limited to:

- university settings
- high school clinics
- sport medicine clinics
- professional sports
- or pursue post-professional opportunities such as residencies and academic doctorates

What is an Athletic Trainer?

Athletic trainers (ATs) are highly qualified, multi-skilled health care professionals who collaborate with physicians to provide preventative services, emergency care, clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions.

Athletic trainers work under the direction of a physician as prescribed by state licensure statutes. (Courtesy of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association)
Application Process & Requirements

Students interested in applying to the program should visit the website: www.uky.edu/chs/at

Inquiries in Athletic Training will be directed to the Director of Graduate Studies who will forward them to the Program Coordination Committee for consideration. Recommendations for admission will be provided by this committee. All candidates must meet general admission requirements as stipulated by The Graduate School. Students who are certified must also be eligible for current licensure to practice in Kentucky.

Admission to the Athletic Training Program is competitive and is based on availability of space and adequate faculty support. Graduates have been successful in securing employment. Evident through our employment history (100%) and the diverse job settings; graduates of UK provide health care and contribute to the workforce of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and beyond. It is also important to note that our graduates have been successful in pursuing doctoral degrees or advanced training demonstrating alignment with one the program’s goals to educate students to become lifelong learners.