



## Western Michigan University Athletic Training Professional Program Student Selection and Admission Standards

### Overview

The Western Michigan University Athletic Training Professional Program (WMU ATPP) offers a Bachelor of Science Degree in Athletic Training. This Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) accredited program prepares students to be able to sit for the Board of Certification (BOC) Exam for Athletic Training and enter the profession as a Certified Entry-Level Athletic Trainer. Prospective students must have sophomore status and successfully complete Pre-Program requirements to be eligible to apply to the program (see details outlined below). Admission into the Athletic Training Professional Program is selective with enrollment limited to 20 students each year. The WMU ATPP is a **minimum** of four semesters.

### Pre-Program Requirements

1. Accepted to Western Michigan University
2. Attainment of sophomore status (26 credit hours)
3. Completion or current enrollment at the time of application of the following Athletic Training Pre-Program courses. Overall GPA must be a 2.5, with a minimum of a "C" in each of the required courses. Admission to the program is conditional until courses are completed and passed with a "C" at the end of the Fall semester.

a. BIOS 1120	Principles of Biology
b. BIOS 2110	Human Anatomy
c. BIOS 2400	Human Physiology
d. PSY 1000	General Psychology
e. HPHE 1530	Introduction to Athletic Training
f. HPHE 1100	Athletic Taping & Bracing
g. HPHE 1110	Healthy Living (or equivalent course)
h. HPHE 1490	Computer Applications for HPHE (or equivalent course)
i. HPHE 1810	First Aid/CPR
j. HPHE 2530	Injury/Illness Survey & Management (Concurrent with Application)

4. Complete approximately 50 hours of supervised observation with a WMU ATPP Preceptor (25 hours minimum per clinical experience in HPHE 2530). A Preceptor must provide verification of these hours via the ATPP hour sheet.
  - a. Students transferring from other institutions will be reviewed on a per-case basis by the ATPP Program Director. It is vital that transfer students to contact the Program

Director and meet with a CEHD advisor as soon as possible regarding applying to the Athletic Training Professional Program.

5. Applications are due Monday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 (due date will change each year).

### Application Procedures

1. Obtain application materials through HPHE 2530 or by contacting the ATPP Program Director, Holly Sisson, at [holly.l.sisson@wmich.edu](mailto:holly.l.sisson@wmich.edu)
  - a. A majority of the application materials can be found at <http://wmich.edu/humanperformance/academics/athletic-training>
2. Complete and turn in the full application by October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 to the Program Director.
  - a. ***No applications or supporting documents will be accepted after this date. This includes recommendation forms.***
3. The application will be complete with the following materials:
  - a. Application Form with complete and typed questions
  - b. Student Information Sheet—This includes the statement that you have read and understand the ATPP Policies and Procedure Manual with a signature.
  - c. Two completed ATPP Recommendation Forms
    - i. Must be in by the application deadline, can be emailed directly to the Program Director
    - ii. These may not be from WMU Preceptors.
  - d. Clinical Experience Verification Hours Forms—Include hour logs from HPHE 1530 and 2530. Must have a minimum of 50 hours.
  - e. Clinical Experience Evaluation Forms—This form must be completed by the designated Preceptor of each clinical experience in HPHE 2530. Students must provide this form to their Preceptor. The Preceptor will complete it and submit it to the Program Director.
    - i. ***Make sure to include deadlines and provide your Preceptor adequate time to complete it before the due date.***
  - f. Physical Evaluation and TB Test results.
  - g. Immunization Records: A copy of official up-to-date immunization records.
  - h. Completed Criminal Background Check—Will receive information in HPHE 2530.
  - i. Technical Standards Form—The Technical Standards need to be read and the completed form must be signed.

- j. Code of Confidentiality Form—This will be signed prior to clinical rotations for HPHE 2530.
  - k. Bloodborne Pathogens & Hepatitis B Form—Will be completed in HPHE 2530 class.
  - l. Official Advising Sheet—Will be provided in HPHE 2530.
4. Due to the competitive nature of the ATPP, the criteria for admittance should be regarded as a **minimum** standard for admittance.
  5. Qualified applicants will be invited to be interviewed. The selection committee will be comprised of the ATPP Program Director and Clinical Coordinator. The committee may also contain HPHE faculty or staff, Preceptors, and current ATPP students.
  6. The selection committee will evaluate and determine which candidates will be accepted into the ATPP. All students will be notified prior to the end of the Fall semester. Admittance is conditional on completion of required coursework and necessary GPA at the end of the Fall semester.
  7. Students who are accepted into the ATPP will be required to schedule an appointment with their CEHD academic advisor to register for the required Athletic Training courses. Matriculation for those students accepted will begin in the Spring semester and continue for a **minimum** of four sequential semesters.
  8. Candidates that have not been accepted into the ATPP can appeal the decision by submitting a formal response to the ATPP Program Director within 30 days of the notification. The submission of an appeal does not guarantee or indicate that the candidate will be reconsidered for admission. Students that are not granted admission may reapply the next admission period. Students may only re-apply one time to the ATPP.

### **Acceptance Criteria for the ATPP**

1. Successful completion of the Admission Process with a score of 80% or better on the objective point system, based on the admission materials and interview. The top students will be ranked and admitted based on available space. Just because space is available, does not mean that all students will be accepted.
  - a. The objective point system will be available for review one month prior to interviews by request only to the Program Director.
2. Students will receive conditional admittance until all grades for the ATPP pre-requisites have been established (after fall grades are released at the end of the semester). If the student receives a grade less than 2.0/C, and the student has been accepted into the ATPP, the student's admittance will be rescinded. The student is welcome to re-apply the following application cycle.

## WMU Non-Discrimination Policy

Western Michigan University prohibits discrimination or harassment which violates the law or which constitutes inappropriate or unprofessional limitation of employment opportunity, University facility access, or participation in University activities, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, protected disability, veteran status, height, weight, or marital status.

### Retention Criteria for ATPP Students

1. Graduation requirements are consistent with the University standards for graduation along with the following exceptions:

- a. A 2.5 overall GPA
- b. A minimum of a “C” grade in each required and core course for the ATPP. A student may only repeat a given course **one time** in order to obtain the minimum “C” grade. If the student receives a grade less than a 2.0/C, and the student has been accepted into the ATPP, they will be academically dismissed from the ATPP.
- c. Successful completion of the following program coursework in addition to pre-program requirements. Refer to the **ATPP Four-Year Course Plan** on the ATPP website for recommended progression through the curriculum. Any questions regarding progression should be referred to the ATPP Program Director.

i. HPHE 2400	Motor Development and Learning
ii. HPHE 2540	Medical Conditions in Athletic Training
iii. HPHE 2950	Functional Anatomy and Biomechanics
iv. HPHE 2980	Exercise Physiology
v. HPHE 3150	Measurement and Evaluation in HPHE
vi. HPHE 3825	Lower Extremity Injury Evaluation
vii. HPHE 3830	Upper Extremity Injury Evaluation
viii. HPHE 3840	Therapeutic Modalities
ix. HPHE 3960	Principles of Strength and Conditioning
x. HPHE 3970	Exercise and Sport Nutrition
xi. HPHE 4010	Fieldwork in Athletic Training I
xii. HPHE 4020	Fieldwork in Athletic Training II
xiii. HPHE 4030	Fieldwork in Athletic Training III
xiv. HPHE 4040	Fieldwork in Athletic Training IV
xv. HPHE 4430	Professional Development in Athletic Training
xvi. HPHE 4860	Therapeutic Exercise of Athletic Injuries
xvii. HPHE 4870	Sports Medicine Seminar

- d. ***All ATPP students must provide proof of student membership in an Athletic Training professional organization by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.*** Acceptable organizations include: National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA), Michigan Athletic Trainers' Society (MATS), or the WMU Student Professional Association of Sports Medicine (SPASM). The cost for student membership ranges from \$10-75 annually. Students in their third semester (HPHE 4030) are required to belong to NATA for access to BOC preparation materials, career center, and a reduced rate to take the BOC exam.
  - i. You have to be a NATA member to be member of the Great Lakes Athletic Trainers' Association (GLATA).
- e. Abide by the WMU ATPP Policy and Procedures Manual.
- f. Obtain a National Provider Identifier (NPI) Standard
  - i. [https://www.nata.org/sites/default/files/apply\\_npi\\_instructions.pdf](https://www.nata.org/sites/default/files/apply_npi_instructions.pdf)

#### **Additional Expenses for ATPP Enrollment**

1. Students will need to provide their own transportation to all clinical experiences, especially off-campus sites. These are usually scheduled after completion of 4010.
2. Purchase of WMU apparel or necessary clothing consistent with ATPP dress code.
3. Membership in an Athletic Training professional organization—\$10-75
4. Fee for TB Test—\$27-250
  - a. Should check to see if insurance will cover this as part of yearly physical/health screen
5. Criminal Background check—\$43-50, information will be provided during HPHE 2530
6. Optional cost for attending professional conferences—\$10-125

***\* Students enrolled in the WMU ATPP will be provided with Student Liability Insurance while participating in official ATPP clinical education assignments.***