



California University of Pennsylvania
School of Graduate Studies and Research
MASTER OF SCIENCE
Athletic Training



CALU
Graduate Studies



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The one-year, NATA-accredited post-professional Graduate Athletic Training Education program is designed to provide the student with an advanced education in athletic training and the skills to succeed in the various settings in which athletic trainers work.

Graduates will be eligible to receive national certification as Performance Enhancement Specialists through the National Academy of Sports Medicine. In addition, research and clinical experiences are an integral component of the program that will enhance your professional preparation. Students have an opportunity to enhance clinical skills and knowledge through clinical coursework and experiences as well as with on-campus biweekly physician clinics. Finally, each Graduate Athletic Training student will choose to complete either a master's thesis or a research project.

Students can expect to complete the academic coursework in one calendar year. Classes start in June. Approximately 20 graduate assistantships are available on campus and at local colleges and high schools, providing graduate assistants with a tuition waiver and a competitive stipend. Graduate assistantship responsibilities occur from mid-August to approximately the end of May the following year.

“ The Graduate Athletic Training program at Cal U allows our students to practice as licensed athletic trainers while enhancing their skills as clinicians and researchers. ”



Graduate Programs with a Higher Degree of Character

Graduate programs at California University help people adapt to changes in their professional lives and position themselves for new professional and leadership opportunities. Our master's degrees and professional certificate programs are academically rigorous, and they build upon the rich work experiences that students bring to their studies.

Regardless of the degree program that you choose to pursue—either on campus or through Cal U Global Online—the University's mission of “Building Character, Building Careers” is a driving force in the curriculum. We look forward to receiving your application!

For complete course descriptions of all master's degree and professional certificate curriculums offered in a variety of academic disciplines at Cal U, visit www.calu.edu.



THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCIENCE

The Department of Health Science is located on the main campus of California University of Pennsylvania, 250 University Avenue, California, Pennsylvania. The University is one of 14 institutions that make up the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE). The department has bachelor's degree programs in athletic training (CAATE accredited) and gerontology; an associate degree program in physical therapist assistant; and the Master of Science in Athletic Training. The department works hand in hand with the Department of Exercise Science and Sport Studies. These two departments have over 30 faculty members with a wide variety of expertise in their respective fields of study, with more than half holding earned doctorates in their discipline and 16 holding BOC certification

ATHLETIC TRAINING FACILITY AND RESEARCH LAB

The Graduate Athletic Training program is housed in Hamer Hall, where our facilities and laboratory give our students up-to-date resources to succeed in the field. The Hamer Hall Athletic Training Facility contains state-of-the-art modalities and rehabilitation equipment.

The Athletic Training Laboratory has a wide variety of equipment, including a force plate, electromyographic amplifiers, accelerometers, metabolic testing cart, Wii balance training, Biodex Dynamometer and Biodex Balance System. The department also has a cadaver lab where graduate athletic training students take ATE 700: Gross Anatomy of the Extremities.

ACCREDITATION

The Graduate Athletic Training Education program at California University is reviewed approximately every five years by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education. California University of Pennsylvania is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

CURRICULUM

The Master of Science in Athletic Training program requires a minimum of 34-35 credit hours, including 22 credits in athletic training and related coursework. The remaining 12-13 credits are taken in related research-oriented coursework.

Below is the framework of recommended courses. Detailed course descriptions can be found at www.calu.edu.

Summer I & II – 10 Weeks		Credits
EDP 600	Statistical Methods*	3
ATE 800	Methods of Research in the Allied Health Sciences*	3

Summer II – 2nd 5 Weeks		
ATE 700	Gross Anatomy of the Extremities	4

Fall Semester		
PRF 710	Performance Enhancement in Physical Activity*	3
ATE 770	Athletic Training Practicum	3
ATE 701	Technology in Athletic Training	3
ATE 780	Research Applications in Athletic Training	3

Spring Semester		
ATE 745	Contemporary Issues in Athletic Training	3
PRF 750	Performance Enhancement in Program Design*	3
PRF 760	Leadership and Professional Development*	3
RES 849	Master's Thesis	
OR ATE 820	Athletic Training Research Project	4

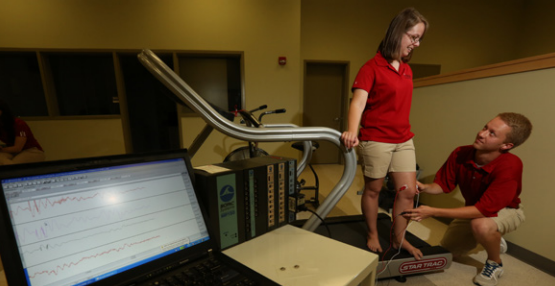
*Course delivered online

ASSISTANTSHIPS

Graduate assistantships are available and will be appointed based on qualifications and experience.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial support, including federal and private loans, is available for students in the Graduate Athletic Training Education program through the Financial Aid Office. Information regarding financial aid options at Cal U can be found at www.calu.edu/finaid or by contacting their office at 724-938-4415.



PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

PROGRAM COORDINATOR:

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REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

Admission into the Graduate Athletic Training Education program requires a solid background in the field of athletic training. Guidelines for admission are as follows:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.
2. A minimum grade-point average of 3.00. (Students who are currently certified athletic trainers will be given strong consideration if they have attained a minimum of a 2.50 GPA.)
3. BOC-certification (or have completed requirements to take the certification examination).
4. Emergency Cardiac Care Certification, which must be provided prior to the first day of classes.
5. Pennsylvania Athletic Training License (prior to the start of clinical experience)

Also:

1. Students must submit final official transcripts to the School of Graduate Studies and Research on or before July 1 after acceptance to the program
2. Accepted students must provide proof of professional liability insurance and Act 33 and Act 151 clearances by August 1. Forms will be provided at the start of the summer session
3. Students seeking a graduate assistantship must have reliable transportation for travel to affiliated clinical sites if assigned off-campus and must complete the graduate assistantship application

If these requirements are met, students can begin the application procedure.

Submit the following to:

School of Graduate Studies and Research

250 University Avenue

California, PA 15419

- Online application at www.calu.edu/academics/colleges/graduate-school with \$25 application fee.
- Official baccalaureate degree transcripts from an accredited institution

Also submit the following to the Graduate

Athletic Training Program:

California University of Pennsylvania

Department of Health Science and Sport Studies

Shelly Fetchen DiCesaro, PhD, LAT, ATC,

Director, Graduate Athletic Training Education Program

250 University Ave.

California, PA 15419

- Graduate Athletic Training Program application form
- Two letters of recommendation (References should be able to speak to your clinical and academic abilities)
- Cover letter and resume or curriculum vitae

Admission decisions for the program will begin in January and continue until all positions are filled. Based on previous years, it is recommended that applications be submitted as early as possible in the spring semester or by March 1 at the latest. After that time, applications will be accepted and reviewed until all positions are filled. Applications will not be evaluated until all pertinent materials have been sent according to the guidelines listed above. The graduate athletic training screening committee, after reviewing applications, will select those candidates for admittance to the program on a weekly basis starting in January of each year.



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