What You Can Do With a Major in…  

**Kinesiology - Athletic Training**

**Description**
The Department of Kinesiology offers programs of study necessary to become a professional college/university or school (grade 7-12) Athletic Trainer. Athletic Trainer’s working in college, university, and schools (grade 7-12) settings are required to obtain a teacher’s certification in Physical Education, or a similar field. Kinesiology uses the principles of the traditional sciences (biology, chemistry, physics, physiology, psychology) to gain an understanding of how the body responds to a wide range of physical activities. Coursework is supplemented by a variety of hands-on learning experiences in clinical, educational, research, and athletic settings.

The Athletic Training major is offered out of the Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP), a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). Students who successfully complete this major will be eligible to sit for state licensure and national certification examinations. Upon successful completion of these exams, they will be able to serve as an athletic trainer in public and private schools, clinics, and other settings where the prevention and care of athletic injuries is practiced. To become an athletic training student, application must be made to the Director of the ATEP. The Director can be contacted through the Department of Kinesiology or the Athletic Training Room in TCU Athletics. Successful candidates will have a strong academic record, a background in the natural sciences, and experience in athletic training during their high school years. Those who do not have previous experience in athletic training, but are judged to have potential as an athletic training student, will be considered, especially if they have strong academic credentials. Once admitted to the ATEP, students must meet specified academic performance standards.

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**Skills**
- Patience  
- Concentration  
- Understanding of people and situations  
- Crisis management skills  
- Ability to motivate  
- Oral and written communication  
- Leadership skills  
- Ability to work in a team  
- Research  
- Time Management  
- Data Analysis  
- Interpersonal skills  
- Planning  
- Attention to Detail  
- Critical Thinking  
- Organizing
Career Opportunities
Athletic Trainer
Athletic Trainer with Teacher Certification
Lab Technician
Environmental Health Specialist
Researcher (after graduate coursework)
Recreation Leader

Possible Employment Settings
School Administration
Schools
Community Health Centers
Resorts
Nonprofit Organizations

Colleges and Universities
Rehabilitation Centers
Sports Associations
Professional Sports Teams

Career Services’ Books
Career Opportunities in Education
Career Opportunities in the Sports Industry
Careers for Health Nuts and Others Who Like to Stay Fit
Job Opportunities for Health and Science Majors
Opportunities in Sports and Fitness Careers
Sports Market Place Directory

Internet Sites
American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education
Athletic Trainer Board of Certification
National Strength and Conditioning Association
National Athletic Trainer Association
International Federation of Sports Medicine
American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance
Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance

www.aakpe.org
www.bocatc.org
www.nsca-lift.org
www.nata.org
www.fims.org
www.aahperd.org
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