

MAJOR TO CAREER GUIDE

Athletic Training

Division of Health Sciences

Mission of the Division of Health Sciences

UNLV's Division of Health Sciences — along with other health science-related programs in the Nevada System of Higher Education — is addressing today's pressing needs and making tomorrow's discoveries.

The division is comprised of the schools of Dental Medicine, Nursing, Community Health Sciences and Allied Health Sciences. Guided by a mission that demands UNLV serves its community, the division is using research, education, training, and service to form unique public and private partnerships. These partnerships are helping provide quality health care to the underserved, educating future professionals, and exploring ways to improve the health and well-being of our citizens. Taken together, UNLV is helping build a foundation for a healthier and more vibrant Nevada.

Visit this site for more information:

<http://www.unlv.edu/healthsciences>

About Athletic Training

The Bachelor of Science degree in Athletic Training is a competitive degree program designed for students interested in the prevention and treatment of injuries related to the active population. Students completing the Athletic Training major graduate from an undergraduate accredited program (Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)). Upon graduation, students are eligible to sit for the Board of Certification examination to become a Certified Athletic Trainer. In addition to completing core courses in kinesiology and the university general education requirements, students will complete course work in basic and advanced athletic training, therapeutic exercise and modalities, evaluation and rehabilitation of upper and lower extremities, and other sports medicine related topics.

UNLV Academic Advising for Athletic Training Majors:

Academic Advisors who are eager to meet with students about their academic goals and to assist in constructing a plan for graduation. Advisors can also help students understand how their experiences at UNLV can lead to a career in their desired field.

Division of Health Sciences Advising Center

Phone: 702-895-5448

Campus Location: CEB 399A

<http://alliedhealth.unlv.edu/advising.htm>

Career Options

Certified Athletic Trainers can be employed in:

- Secondary schools
- Colleges and universities
- Professional sports
- Sports medicine clinics
- Hospitals
- Military
- Industrial and commercial settings

Program Application Process

All students must be admitted into the Pre-Athletic Training program, complete the pre-requisites, and then apply to the full Athletic Training degree. An informational meeting is held the third Thursday of fall semester. For more information visit:

<http://web.unlv.edu/athletics/training/programs.htm>

Athletic Training Certification Exam

All graduating students in the Athletic Training Program at UNLV are encouraged to take the Board of Certification (BOC) Athletic Trainer's Certification Examination.

Three-year aggregate BOC first time pass rate is **93.3%**.

<http://web.unlv.edu/athletics/training/index.html>

Professional Associations

Students are encourage to get involved with these organizations early on!

National Athletic Trainers Association:
www.nata.org

Far West Athletic Trainers Association:
www.fwatad8.org

Nevada, Athletic Trainers Association:
www.nev-ata.com

Board of Certification:
www.bocatc.org

Helpful Career Information

Employers rate candidate soft skills/qualities in order of importance

- 1 Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- 2 Ability to work in a team structure
- 3 Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- 4 Ability to plan, organize and prioritize work
- 5 Ability to obtain and process information
- 6 Ability to analyze quantitative data
- 7 Technical knowledge related to the job
- 8 Proficiency with computer software programs
- 9 Ability to create and/or edit written reports
- 10 Ability to sell or influence others

Source: Job Outlook 2013

Courtesy of the National Association of Colleges and Employers

MEDIAN SALARIES BY DISCIPLINE 2010-2012

Career	Salary Range	Median Salary
Athletic Trainers	\$25,750-\$64,390	\$41,600

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13 Edition*, <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

Visit the Career Occupational Handbook to learn more about a specific occupation:

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

The OCH covers hundreds of occupations and describes: What They Do, Work Environment, How to Become One, Pay, and more. Each profile also includes BLS employment projections for the 2010–20 decade.

Career Exploration/Planning

FOCUS 2: UNLV's computerized assessment that profiles your interests, abilities, and values and helps you find a career that's right for you.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessment.html>

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI): Assessment designed to identify how you are energized, how you take in information, how you make decisions, and how you approach life.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentMBTI.html>

Strong Interest Inventory: Generates an in-depth assessment of your interests among a broad range of occupations, work and leisure activities, and educational subjects.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentStrong.html>

UNLV Career Services

Career Services encourages ALL UNLV students to take advantage of their services, which include:

- Assistance with developing a career plan and choosing a major
- Career counseling and guidance on building a RESUME
- Preparing for an interview, assistance with job searching and networking.

Phone: 702-895-3495

Campus Location: SSC-A 2nd Floor

<http://hire.unlv.edu/>

Internship Opportunities

UNLV **Hire a Rebel** is a free, online recruiting system that helps students, alumni, and employers connect in a variety of ways.

Students can use **Hire a Rebel** to search for: job and internship listings, on-campus recruiting interviews, employer information sessions, resume book database, & dates for career fairs.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerLink.html>

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