University of Pittsburgh  
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (SHRS)  
Athletic Training (BS)

**Supplemental Requirements**

- Submit an essay discussing when and how you became interested in the field and program to which you are applying, any work or volunteer experience you have that will demonstrate your awareness of the field and your long-term professional goals;
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a college instructor/professor, academic advisor, supervisor or employer, etc.;
- Clinical Observation hours paperwork;
  - Clinical Observation hours under the direct supervision of an Athletic Trainer (not to be completed prior to enrollment in ATHLTR 1811 & 1812). Paperwork to complete this requirement provided to students when enrolled in ATHLTR 1812
    - 45 clinical observation hours under the direct supervision of a certified athletic trainer at the University of Pittsburgh
    - 20 clinical observation hours outside the University of Pittsburgh and under the direct supervision of a certified athletic trainer at a high school
- Completed Technical Standards Form (contact SHRS Admissions office for this form).

**Mail Supplemental Materials to:**
SHRS Office of Admissions
4020 Forbes Tower
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA 15260

**Admission Information**

- Application Deadline: OAFA Application Requirements must be received by February 15. Supplemental Materials (sent to SHRS) must be received by March 15;
- Admission is for the fall term only;
- 60 credits are required including prerequisites (application may be submitted while coursework is in progress);
- Grades of C or better in all prerequisite course work with the exception of ATHLTR 1811 and ATHLTR 1812, where a grade of B or better must be earned;
- Students with prior athletic training experience seeking to transfer to the University of Pittsburgh for admission to the Athletic Training Education Program must complete the same prerequisite requirements as all other candidates including the Basic Athletic Training (ATHLTR 1811) and Basic Athletic Training Lab (ATHLTR 1812) courses and all observation hours. If admitted to the program, all students must complete University of Pittsburgh core athletic training courses. In some instances, credit may be given for other coursework taken at another institution and will be evaluated on an individual case basis;
- EMT certification through course for credit or other qualified course leading to EMT credential is required;
- Minimum cumulative quality point average of 2.5 based on a 4.0 scale;
- Personal interview with athletic training faculty required;
- *Please note that admission to the program is competitive. Meeting the minimum admission criteria does not guarantee admission.***

**Prerequisite Coursework**

- Foundations of Biology/Lab, 4 credits
- General Chemistry/Lab, 4 credits
- Introduction to Physics, 3 credits
- Algebra (or higher), 3 credits
- Applied Statistics, 3-4 credits
- Intro Psychology, 3 credits
- Additional Psychology course, 3 credits
- English Composition, 3 credits
- Writing Course, 3 credits
- Public Speaking, 3 credits
- Basic Athletic Training (ATHLTR 1811), 3 credits (this course must be taken at Pitt)
- Basic Athletic Training Lab (ATHLTR 1812), 1 credit (this course must be taken at Pitt)
- Humanities and Social Sciences Electives, 6 credits from Anthropology, Economics, English Literature/Writing, Foreign Languages, History, Music, Performing and Visual Arts, Philosophy, Religion or Sociology

**Additional Information**

This program requires students to complete clinical education experiences at facilities both on and off the University campus and will require criminal background checks, Act 33/34 clearances and perhaps a drug screen prior to participation in clinical education. The results of these requirements may limit and potentially eliminate placement options for the student which can, in turn, result in an inability to meet graduation requirements. Additionally, conviction of a misdemeanor, felony, or felonious or illegal act may prevent the student from becoming credentialed and/or licensed to practice in the field.

Students are required to provide their own transportation to and from the off-campus clinical education sites. All costs incurred as a part of the clinical education experience are the responsibility of the ATS. Please be advised that some clinical sites are not accessible by public transportation.

[https://www.shrs.pitt.edu/atbs](https://www.shrs.pitt.edu/atbs)

**For specific program questions, contact:**
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