

### Career Options

Loras College graduates with a degree in athletic training have gone on to work as:

- Athletic Trainers at the high school, college, professional and clinic settings
- Physical Therapists
- Nurses
- Chiropractors
- Certified strength and conditioning specialists
- Physician Assistants
- Personal Trainer

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## Mission

Our mission is to prepare students for entry-level careers and graduate school opportunities in athletic training and allied health care fields through quality classroom and clinical athletic training experiences supported by a liberal arts education.

## Goals of the ATEP

- Recruit students who are motivated to be a part of this major, will integrate well into the program and perform at a high level in both the educational and clinical components of the major.
- Develop students who act as ethical and responsible professionals.
- Prepare students to pass the BOC exam. Our goal is to have at least a 50% first time pass rate.
- Develop students so they can critically think and problem solve in professional settings.
- Provide the students diverse clinical opportunities that allow them to be active learners.
- Expose students to a wide variety of guest speakers from the medical community either in the classroom or by attending state and national conferences.
- Students conduct and present research at the local, state and national level.

## Admission Requirements

Selections for admission into the ATEP are made during each spring semester. The selection process is competitive. The ideal candidate will demonstrate strong academic ability, motivation for the program, a plan to use the major in their future career and ability to integrate and work well within the major and clinical assignments. The application process will start during the fall semester. There will be a meeting held in September for all interested applicants. Specific admission policies and application instructions can be found at: <http://depts.loras.edu/phe/prospectivestudent.html>.

## Program Highlights

- Our placement rate has consistently been over 90% for graduate school and employment opportunities upon graduation
- Students are provided with several opportunities to participate in local, regional and national conferences and meetings to enhance their education and network with other members of the profession.
- Students are well prepared to take the Board of Certification Exam (BOC). We had a 100% pass rate after two attempts for the 2010-2011 year.



- Alumni are involved in our program. We provide opportunities for current students to interact with alumni for advice and help gaining internships and jobs.
- Once accepted into the major, students can still participate in athletics. A student will meet with the program director to map out a plan to allow for clinical rotation requirements to be met in conjunction with athletic participation.

## Clinical Experience

The clinical experience is vital to the success of the athletic training student at Loras College. Students will be assigned to work in a variety of health care settings and encounter a variety of athletes and patients.

These rotations begin during the fall of the student's sophomore year and continue through graduation. These settings allow the students to directly put into practice the skills and knowledge they learn in the classroom.

## Clinical Sites

- Loras College
- Western Dubuque High School
- Dyersville Beckman High School
- Galena (Illinois) High School
- Finley Hospital – General Medicine
- Dubuque Fighting Saints Hockey Team
- Dubuque Physical Therapy
- Dubuque Chiropractic Clinic
- Sport and Spine Chiropractic Clinic
- Medical Associates Clinic



## Internships

The Loras College Athletic Training Education Program is committed to providing our students with a quality education. Students are exposed to a variety of athletic training settings during their time at Loras College.

As part of their education, we encourage them to broaden their resumes and grow with a variety of experiences.

In past summers, we have had students experience outstanding internships with several organizations, including: the St. Louis Rams, Chicago Fire, Athletico (sports medicine clinic in Chicago), Loras All-Sports Camps and Athletes in Action summer camps.

Each internship was, in part, set up by networking with past and current Loras College athletic training staff members.

To read about more experiences of Loras College athletic training graduates visit: [www.loras.edu/academics/AthleticTraining/internships](http://www.loras.edu/academics/AthleticTraining/internships)