Athletic trainers are healthcare professionals who work with physicians to optimize their patients’ activity. They provide physical medicine, prevent and diagnose injury, and treat and rehabilitate acute and chronic issues that would impair or limit their patients’ activity.

Certification and licensure as an athletic trainer requires, at minimum, a degree in athletic training from an accredited college or university. According to the National Athletic Trainers Association, about 70 percent of working athletic trainers in the United States hold at least a master’s degree.

The Pacific University athletic training program offers an entry-level master of science degree in athletic training

**Admission Requirements**

- Last 45 credits GPA must be 2.75 or higher
- Two letters of recommendation, one must be from a certified athletic trainer (ATC)
- Minimum of 50 hours of work, volunteering and/or observation with an ATC

**Biological Science | 8 semester hours (12 quarter hours)**

- Human Anatomy BIOL 224
- Human Physiology BIOL 240

**Exercise Science | 12 semester hours (18 quarter hours)**

- Exercise Physiology EXIP 385
- Biomechanics EXIP 345
- Nutrition EXIP 281

**Psychology | 4 semester hours (6 quarter hours)**

- General Psychology or Psychology of Human Movement PSYC 150 or EXMB 333

**Statistics | 4 semester credits (6 quarter credits)**

- General Statistics, Behavioral Statistics, or Social Statistics MATH 207, PSY 352, or SOC 301
All quarter credits must be converted into semester credits. Quarter credits divided by 1.5 = semester credits. One semester credit = .67 quarter credits. 5 quarter credits = 3.33 semester credits.

Exercise Science-Motor Behavior and Athletic Training: A 3+2 Program

Exercise Science / Athletic Training

The College of Health Professions offers entry-level graduate clinical education in Athletic Training (AT) that articulates directly with Exercise Science. It consists of three years of fairly typical work in the College of Arts and Sciences (A&S) and two years of work in the clinical program. This 3+2 pathway is built upon options in the Motor Behavior emphasis and available only to students accepted to the highly selective AT program.

To utilize this route, all A&S core coursework requirements (with the exception of Capstone), all Athletic Training prerequisites, specified Exercise Science classes, and a minimum of 93 total credits shall be completed by the end of the 3rd academic year. During the fall of the junior year, students may apply to begin clinical studies in the AT program for the 4th academic year. If a student is accepted to the AT program, specific coursework successfully completed according to Athletic Training program standards during the first clinical year will satisfy the remaining requirements for the Exercise Science-Motor Behavior degree. These students are required to deliver a formal public presentation overview of their first year clinical internship experiences to complete the A&S Capstone requirement. If a student is not accepted into the AT program, s/he will have the opportunity to complete the Motor Behavior emphasis during the traditional time-frame with little to no complications.