Overview
The Western Michigan University Athletic Training Professional Program (WMU ATPP) offers a Bachelor of Science Degree in Athletic Training. This CAATE (Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education) accredited program prepares students to be able to sit for the Board of Certification Exam (BOC) for Athletic Training and enter the profession as a Certified Entry-level Athletic Trainer. Prospective students must have sophomore status and successfully complete Pre-program requirements to be eligible to apply to the program (see details outlined below). Admission into the Athletic Training Professional Program is selective with enrollment limited to 15 students each year. The WMU ATPP is a minimum of four semesters.

Pre-Program Requirements:

a) Accepted to Western Michigan University

b) Attainment of sophomore status (26 credits)

c) Completion of following Athletic Training Pre-program courses (or enrolled in course during semester of application) with a 2.5 overall grade point average, and a minimum “C” grade in each of the required courses:

a. BIOS 1120 Principles of Biology
b. BIOS 2110 Human Anatomy
c. BIOS 2400 Human Physiology
d. PSY 1000 General Psychology
e. HPHE 1530 Introduction to Athletic Training
f. HPHE 1100 Athletic Taping & Bracing
g. HPHE 1110 Healthy Living
   or HOL 1000 Choices in Living
h. HPHE 1490 Computer Applications for HPHE
i. HPHE 1810 or 3810 First Aid/CPR
j. HPHE 2530 or 4530 Injury/Illness Survey & Management (taken while applying to ATPP)

   d) Complete approximately 50 hours of supervised observation, with a Preceptor in an environment that provides Athletic Training services. A Preceptor must provide verification of these hours. Those enrolled in HPHE 2530 will complete these hours as part of the course requirements.

   e) Students who have transferred from other institutions will be reviewed on a per-case basis and appropriate accommodations will be made. It is strongly encouraged that all potential transfer students contact the Program Director due to the unique aspects of each situation.

   f) Application submitted to the Athletic Training Professional Program by Mid Fall Semester (specific date varies by year).

Application Procedures:

a) Obtain application materials from Dr. Gayle Thompson, Athletic Training Program Director, by contacting her at (269) 387-2703 or gayle.thompson@wmich.edu.
b) Complete and **return the completed application by the due date** to the Athletic Training Program Director. No applications will be accepted after this date. The application will be complete with the following materials:

1. **Application Form.** This form will be issued by the Program Director.

2. **Essay.** Students will need to compose written responses to questions posed on the application form.

3. **Two completed ATPP Recommendation Forms.** (Letters may not be from staff Preceptors or GA's currently employed by WMU).

4. **Clinical Experience Verification Hours Forms.** Include completed Hour Logs from HPHE 1530 and 2530 verifying the hours of observation.

5. **Clinical Experience Evaluation Forms.** This form will be completed by each designated Preceptor upon completion of each rotation. Students applying for admission must supply the Evaluation Form to their Preceptor. The Preceptor will then complete the evaluation and the Preceptor will submit the form directly to the Clinical Coordinator.

6. **Physical Evaluation Form/Hepatitis B.** Students must have a physical examination completed and signed by a MD/DO/PA/NP. This must include a documented TB test as well as HBV vaccine status and record of immunizations.

7. **Technical Standards Form.** The candidate shall understand and sign the Technical Standards document.

8. **Student Information sheet.** This includes a signature that verifies the applicant has read & understands ATPP Policy & Procedure Manual.

9. **Code of Confidentiality Form.** Signed and dated by applying student and the Program Director.

10. **Official Advising Sheet.** Obtained from the Advising Department in 2504 Sangren Hall. This sheet must show your progression in and plan for taking Program courses.

c) Due to the competitive nature of this Program, the criteria for admittance should be regarded as a **minimum** standard for admittance.

d) Qualified applicants will then be invited to be interviewed. The selection committee will be comprised of the 1) Athletic Training Program Director, 2) Clinical Coordinator, 3) selected faculty/staff members, 4) selected Preceptors, and 5) selected current ATPP students.

e) The selection committee will evaluate and determine which candidates will be accepted to the Athletic Training Professional Program and notify all candidates by the end of the Fall semester.

Students that are accepted to the Professional Program will be required to schedule an appointment with their academic advisor and register for the required Athletic Training Professional Program courses. Matriculation for those students accepted will begin the next semester (spring) and will continue for a **minimum** of four sequential semesters.

f) Candidates that have not been accepted to the Athletic Training Professional Program can appeal the decision by submitting a formal response to the Athletic Training Program Director within 30
days of the notification. The submission of an appeal does not guarantee or indicate that the candidate will be reconsidered for admission. Students that are not granted admission may reapply the next admissions period. Students may only reapply one time to the ATPP.

**Acceptance Criteria for ATPP**

a) Successful completion of Admission Process with a score of 80% or better on the objective point system, based on the admission materials and interview. The top students will then be ranked and admitted based on available space.

b) Objective point system is available for review by contacting the Program Director.

c) Students will receive conditional admittance until all grades for the ATPP pre-requisites have been established. If the student receives a grade of less than a 2.0/C, and the student has been accepted into the Program, the student will be academically sanctioned as outlined in the Disciplinary Policy.

**Retention criteria for ATPP Students**

Graduation requirements are consistent with the University standards for graduation with the following exceptions:

a) A 2.5 overall grade point average.

b) A minimum of “C” grade in each required and core course; a student may repeat a given course **only once** in order to obtain the minimum of a “C” grade. If the student receives a grade of less than a 2.0/C, and the student has been accepted into the Program, they will be academically dismissed from the Program.

c) Successful completion of the following program coursework in addition to pre-program requirements. Refer to *Four-Year Instructional Guide* on ATPP web site for recommended progression through curriculum.

- HPHE 2400 Motor Development & Learning
- HPHE 2540 Medical Conditions in Athletic Training
- HPHE 2950 Functional Anatomy & Biomechanics
- HPHE 3150 Measurement & Evaluation
- HPHE 3825 Athletic Injury Evaluation of the Lower Extremity
- HPHE 3830 Athletic Injury Evaluation of the Upper Extremity
- HPHE 3840 Therapeutic Modalities
- HPHE 2980 Exercise Physiology
- HPHE 3960 Principles of Strength & Conditioning
- HPHE 3970 Exercise & Sport Nutrition
- HPHE 4010 Fieldwork in Athletic Training I
- HPHE 4020 Fieldwork in Athletic Training II
- HPHE 4030 Fieldwork in Athletic Training III
- HPHE 4040 Fieldwork in Athletic Training IV
- HPHE 4430 Professional Development in Athletic Training
- HPHE 4860 Therapeutic Ex. of Athletic Injuries
- HPHE 4870 Sports Medicine Seminar

d) All ATPP students must provide proof of student membership in an Athletic Training Professional organization by March 1 each year. Acceptable organizations include the National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA), Michigan Athletic Trainers’ Society (MATS), or the WMU Student Professional Association of Sports Medicine (SPASM). The cost for student memberships ranges from $10-75 annually. Students in their final semester of the program are strongly encouraged to belong to the NATA for career position listings and for a reduced rate to take the Board of Certification (BOC) exam.
e) Students must complete an evaluation of the ATPP faculty and program and the end of each semester. This form will be provided to them by the faculty and students will be allowed to complete this form anonymously.


g) Successful completion of TB test, criminal background check and drug screening prior to general medical rotation.

**Additional Expenses for ATPP Enrollment**
- Students will need to provide their own transportation to off-campus clinical experiences. These are usually scheduled during the junior or senior year.
- Purchase of WMU ATPP clothing
- Fee for TB test, Criminal Background check and Drug Screening prior to General Medical Rotation, approximately $85+.
- Optional cost of attending various conferences.

**WMU Non-Discrimination Policy**

Western Michigan University prohibits discrimination or harassment which violates the law, or which constitutes inappropriate or unprofessional limitation of employment, University facility access, or participation in University activities, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, protected disability, veteran status, height, weight, or marital status.