## Athletic Training

### Nature of the Work
For descriptions of this profession see:
- *Students* tab of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA) website ([www.nata.org](http://www.nata.org))
- [www.explorehealthcareers.org](http://www.explorehealthcareers.org)

### Options
- Gettysburg College graduates typically attend an accredited entry-level master’s degree program in athletic training
- Check the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) website for a list of accredited entry-level master’s degree programs in athletic training ([www.caate.net](http://www.caate.net))

### Course Requirements
- Requirements vary by school

### Application Timeline
Athletic training graduate school directly after Gettysburg College:
- Required courses completed by end of senior year (although preference may be given to applicants who complete the required courses sooner)
- Apply during fall of senior year

### Standardized Test
- Usually Graduate Record Exam (GRE) revised General Test, but varies by school ([www.ets.org/gre](http://www.ets.org/gre))
- Given year-round at computer-based test centers
- Length ~ 4 hours
- 3 sections: Verbal Reasoning (score 130-170), Quantitative Reasoning (score 130-170), Analytical Writing (score 0-6)
- Register on-line ([www.ets.org/gre](http://www.ets.org/gre))
- Free and low-cost preparation materials ([www.ets.org/gre](http://www.ets.org/gre))
- Unofficial scores on test day, official scores in 10-15 days

### Application Service
- No centralized application service
- Apply directly to each athletic training school
- APPLY EARLY!!! Do not wait until application deadlines!

### Admissions Criteria
- GPA
- GRE scores
- Letters of evaluation
- Health-related experience
- Personal statement
| Length of Program | • Varies by school  
• ~ 2 years |
| Degree | • MEd in AT (Master of Education in Athletic Training)  
• MS in AT (Master of Science in Athletic Training) |
| Additional Resources | • National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA) ([www.nata.org](http://www.nata.org)) |