**Athletic Training Program (ATP) Application Requirements**

All applicants must meet the general admission requirements of Piedmont College as described in the Undergraduate Catalog. Acceptance from pre-athletic training into the Athletic Training Program is competitive and not guaranteed. The number of seats in the program is limited due to the faculty to student ratio recommended by the CAATE (the accreditation agency). Formal application to the professional portion of the program is due October 16th. The necessary forms are available on the website and in the R.H. Daniel School of Nursing and Health Sciences main office.

- **Prospective students must meet the minimum criteria listed below to be considered for admission to the program:**
  - Admission to Piedmont College and Athletic Training as declared major
  - An overall cumulative minimum GPA of 2.70 and a C or better on all required pre-athletic training coursework: HSCS1110, HSCS1101, and BIOL1101 (or equivalents)
  - 25 directed observation hours with a Piedmont College-affiliated Athletic Trainer to be completed between September 1st and November 30th
  - Current medical physical as documented by a licensed MD, PA, or NP within the last 12 months
  - Ability to meet the Technical Standards of Admission documented by a licensed MD, PA, or NP (must bear their original signature)
  - Copy of Immunization record, including Hepatitis B inoculations and a TB skin test within 12 months
  - Proof of Bloodborne pathogens training and a copy of a current CPR-PR certification card
  - Two letters of recommendation (one of which must be from a Piedmont College faculty or staff member)
  - Unofficial transcripts
  - A completed application, including vitae and cover letter
  - Successful interview

- **Other important information regarding the application and admissions process:**
  - All students with complete applications will be granted an interview before the next semester’s registration period
  - Interviewees will be ranked based on academic, personal, and professional qualifications and the top ranked applicants selected for program admission
  - Final admission decisions will be made on the basis of academic, personal, and professional qualifications as evidenced by the student’s application materials, clinical performance, and interview responses.
  - Students who are not admitted may elect to apply again the following year or change to another major.
Acceptance into the Professional Phase of the Athletic Training Program

Upon acceptance/admission into the Athletic Training Program, Piedmont College will provide the following services to students in good academic and clinical standing:
  o Professional Liability/Malpractice Insurance

Upon acceptance/admission into the Athletic Training Program and prior to engaging in clinical experiences, students must provide the following at their expense:
  o On-line access to e*Value for documentation purposes (due August 15, 2016; purchased through the bookstore; approximately $150/year for the sophomore, junior, and senior years)
  o Successful background check with 10 Panel Drug Screening (due January 4, 2016). Students who have patient contact in agencies regulated by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals and Health Care Organizations (JACHO) and public schools must have a background check. The fee associated with the background check is the student’s responsibility. Instructions for completing this check are below.
    - Go to www.certifiedbackground.com
    - Click on — Applicants Order Now
    - In the Package Code box, enter package code provided (PH55)
    - Select a method of payment (Visa, MasterCard, or money order)
    - The standard package price is $47 + $40. (Additional counties outside GA and inside the past 7 years will be searched at an additional $13 each)
    - You will receive an email with a password that allows you to view the results.
    - Submit a printed copy of the results to Dr. Dondanville and upload a scanned copy to e*Value
  o Current NATA membership (due January 4, 2016; approximately $80/year which must be maintained while in the program)
  o Proof of current First Aid and Emergency Cardiac Care (ECC) Certification (front and back of each card) every two years (which must be maintained while in the program)
  o Proof of current Health or Accident Insurance (front and back of each card; which must be maintained while in the program)
  o Signed declaration of understanding and acceptance of all Program Policies and Procedures, including Statement of Confidentiality and HIPPA, as delineated in the Athletic Training Program Student Handbook
  o Proof of a negative TB skin test within the past 12 months (this must be repeated every 12 months)

Depending upon the clinical experience placement, students may also be required to:
  o Continuing background checks as required by clinical sites
  o Submit additional site-specific paperwork, immunizations, or drug testing
  o Submit or complete other site-specific training modules

Once admitted into the program, students must:
  o Maintain a 2.7 cumulative GPA; students who fall below this mark will be placed on academic probation and be allowed one semester in which to improve their grades. During the academic probationary period, the student will be required to meet with the program director or clinical coordinator at regular intervals to gauge their progress. Failure to improve the cumulative GPA to 2.7 at the end of the probationary semester will result in the student being removed from the program. They may choose to re-apply the following year or change their major.
  o Students who exceed two semesters (total) on academic probation will be removed from the program and advised into a different major.
  o Earn a grade of “C” or better in ATRG, BIOL, and HSCS alpha-designated coursework. Failure to do so will necessitate repeating the course. Advanced courses for which a pre-requisite has not been met with a grade of “C” or better cannot be taken until this requirement is met.
  o Complete 950 clinical hours as assigned (these partially fulfill requirements for 6 courses)
  o Complete all Course Skills Logs and the Master Skills Log (both on paper and in e*Value)
Athletic Training Program
Technical Standards for Admission

The Athletic Training Program at Piedmont College is a rigorous and intense program placing specific requirements and demands on the students in the program. Each student admitted to the program must meet the technical standards established by the program’s accrediting agency (CAATE) to verify they possess the essential qualities considered necessary to achieve the knowledge, skills, and competencies of an entry-level athletic trainer.

Compliance with the technical standards does not guarantee eligibility for the BOC certification exam.

Candidates for selection to the Athletic Training Program must demonstrate:

1. The mental capacity to assimilate, analyze, synthesize, integrate concepts and problem solve to formulate assessment and therapeutic judgments and to be able to distinguish deviations from the norm.
2. Sufficient postural and neuromuscular control, sensory function, and coordination to perform appropriate physical examinations using accepted techniques; and accurately, safely and efficiently use equipment and materials during the assessment and treatment of patients.
3. The ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with patients and colleagues, including individuals from different cultural and social backgrounds; this includes, but is not limited to, the ability to establish rapport with patients and communicate judgments and treatment information effectively. Students must be able to understand and speak the English language at a level consistent with competent professional practice.
4. The ability to record the physical examination results and a treatment plan clearly and accurately.
5. The capacity to maintain composure and continue to function well during periods of high stress.
6. The perseverance, diligence and commitment to complete the athletic training education program as outlined and sequenced.
7. Flexibility and the ability to adjust to changing situations and uncertainty in clinical situations.
8. Affective skills and appropriate demeanor and rapport that relate to professional education and quality patient care.

Athletic training program candidates are required to verify they understand and can meet these technical standards either with or without certain accommodations. The Academic Resource Center/Disability Support Services will evaluate a student who states he/she could meet the program’s technical standards with accommodation and confirm that the stated condition qualifies as a disability under applicable laws.

If a student states he/she can meet the technical standards with accommodation, the College will verify that the standards can be met with reasonable accommodation; this includes a review of whether the accommodations requested would jeopardize clinician/patient safety or the educational process of the student or the institution, including all coursework, clinical experiences and internships deemed essential to graduation.

Sign ONE of the following statements:

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Signature of Applicant ____________ Date ____________
Due: October 16
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Current College Level (as determined by credits completed):

- [ ] Freshman
- [ ] Sophomore
- [ ] Junior
- [ ] Senior
- [ ] Transfer
- [ ] Graduate

Athletic Training Experience: Include student athletic training experiences, sports worked as an athletic training student, athletic training workshops, or clinical other experiences. Please list the dates for each experience.

How did you learn about this program:

Are you a Member of a Piedmont College Athletic Team? [ ] YES [ ] NO

Extra-curricular Activities: List any other activities not listed above that you have been involved with in high school or at Piedmont College.

Do you plan to make Athletic Training your primary career field? [ ] YES [ ] NO

If no, what other field do you plan to pursue?

Please list the individuals completing your two letters of recommendation. The letters may be from individuals at Piedmont College, another college, or your high school.

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**Pre-requisite Courses:**

- **HSCS1110**  ☐ In progress  ☐ Completed  ☐ If completed, grade: _________
- **HSCS1171**  ☐ In progress  ☐ Completed  ☐ If completed, grade: _________
- **BIOL1171**  ☐ In progress  ☐ Completed  ☐ If completed, grade: _________

**Courses in Progress**  
(Midterm Grades):

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*Only use HS GPA if in 1st semester of college; otherwise use college GPA*

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I have read and can comply with the athletic training **technical standards** as they are written.

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I have read and can comply with the athletic training program **policies and procedures** as they are written, including the Confidentiality, NATA Membership, e*Value Subscription, BBP Exposure Control, Health/Medical Insurance, Student Athlete *(if applicable)*, and Immunization expectations.

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I understand that if I am accepted into the Athletic Training Program that I must have **access to transportation** to reach off-campus clinical sites 30-45 minutes away for clinical experiences.

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I understand that my admission application will be reviewed by the Athletic Training Admissions Committee, and that they will have access to my GPA, midterm grades, and all other application materials. I give the committee permission to examine this information to determine my program admission status.

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*Note: If any portion of the application or application process is dishonest or deceptive in any way, the applicant will not be considered for admission.*