

Board Meeting
November 12, 2015

ESTABLISH THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING,
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, SPRINGFIELD

Action: Establish the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Springfield Senate has approved a proposal to establish the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training will combine classroom, laboratory, and clinical experience focusing on the prevention, recognition, treatment, and rehabilitation of athletic injuries. The program will emphasize basic science skill development and athletic training competencies to prepare students for careers in the expanding field of health and wellness support and education.

In addition to preparing students for employment in a variety of health-related fields, graduates of the program will meet the needs of a growing demand for athletic trainers, fitness and recreation workers, and exercise specialists. The program will seek accreditation from the *Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education* and, upon completion of the degree program, students will be eligible to apply

for the Board of Certification national examination to become a Certified Athletic Trainer. UIS will use internal reallocation to fund two new tenure-system faculty positions to offer the 120-credit hour on-ground degree.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.