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# ELIMINATE THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING,

# COLLEGE OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES, URBANA

**Action:** Eliminate the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training, College of Applied Health Sciences

**Funding:** No new funding required

The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Applied Health Sciences to eliminate the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training.

The Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training has not had enrollment since 2014. In 2015, the National Athletic Trainers’ Association board of directors and the commissioners of the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education agreed to establish the professional degree in athletic training at the master’s level, thereby requiring that professional programs be at the master’s degree level with a specific implementation deadline of no less than seven years. At that time, the department wanted to look at options to possibly keep an athletic training program, but the program cost was high and several key faculty members retired. After careful evaluation and considerable discussion within the Department of Health and Kinesiology and the College of Applied Health Sciences, the decision was made to officially pursue elimination of this program and of the concentration in Athletic Training in the Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology, a companion report item.

There is no impact on funding, faculty and staff resources, facilities, or equipment as there has been no enrollment, staffing of courses, or use of facilities or equipment for several semesters.

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 executive vice president and 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 of Illinois System recommends approval. This action is subject to further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.