

Board Meeting  
May 22, 2008

ESTABLISH THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING, COLLEGE  
OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES, URBANA

**Action:** Approve the Establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training, College of Applied Health Sciences, Urbana

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Urbana with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Applied Health Sciences to establish the B.S. in Athletic Training.

The Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP) at the University has been accredited since 1979. The ATEP is a comprehensive curriculum based upon scientific inquiry that blends classroom learning with opportunities to apply knowledge and clinical skills in the athletic training environment. The Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) has recently mandated all ATEP's have degree status to maintain accreditation. Non-compliance will eliminate the only route to athletic training for Urbana students. This program differs from the general Kinesiology degree with a unique course sequence and specific educational competencies progressively delivered across the curriculum in both the classroom and clinical setting. The current

program will require no curricular changes, only formal degree status, to maintain accreditation and continue to provide a high demand educational program to the students.

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.