Q: What is due by March 1?
A: You must submit the Admission Form by March 1 as the first step in the application process. You will then be contacted at the email provided on the Admission Form to inform you of the date, location and time of the entrance exam and the Knowledge of Athletic Training Entrance Essay.

Q: When will I know if I am accepted?
A: You will receive an email of acceptance by the end of May. You are given one week to accept or decline a place in the cohort. You then progress into Step 3 - Clinical Course Requirements, which must be completed by August 1.

Q: How many students are admitted per year?
A: Approximately 30 students are accepted into the clinical portion per year dependent upon availability of clinical spaces.

Q: What if I do not have all of the prerequisite classes done?
A: Admittance is based on grades in prerequisite courses, GPA, score on the athletic training program entrance exam and the score of the Knowledge of Athletic Training Entrance Essay. All students are ranked against each other on the same criteria, so all prerequisite courses must be completed during the spring semester since decisions for acceptance are made once final grades are submitted for the spring courses.

Q: What if I am not accepted?
A: Students not accepted to progress into the clinical portion of the athletic training program should contact their academic advisor to discuss their path. You may reapply the following year. Students not accepted into the clinical portion of the program may not progress into the second-year athletic training courses.

Q: Can I take second-year athletic training courses if I am not accepted?
A: Students not accepted into the clinical portion of the athletic training program may not progress into the coursework for the second year. The program is designed in sequence to promote learning over time. The classes and labs are to prepare you for the following semester clinical assignment; therefore, taking these out of sequence will disrupt the planned learning progression.

Q: Is there more than one time per year to apply for acceptance into the clinical portion of the athletic training program?
A: Students are admitted into the clinical portion of the athletic training program only one time per year.

Q: Is there a fast track to finish in less than three years once accepted into the clinical portion of the program?
A: Courses are taken in sequence and educational content is applied at the clinical sites once proficiency of skill is demonstrated during the following semester. Since the courses allow for learning over time from class to lab to clinical application, the courses may not be rearranged or condensed in any manner.

Q: When I finish my Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training degree, what is next?
A: Students must pass the Board of Certification (BOC) exam in order to become a certified athletic trainer. Visit bocatc.org for exam candidate qualifications.

Q: Do I need to be licensed in the state in which I am planning to work?
A: Many states require licensure or registration in order to practice. Please see bocatc.org for links to the state in which you wish to practice for details.

Q: In what settings do athletic trainers work?
A: Go to nata.org/athletic-training for details and profession information.

Q: Is GCU's program accredited?
A: The athletic training program is accredited through 2027-28. Visit caate.net for further information.

Q: What are the program's BOC pass rates?
A: The past three-year BOC pass rates are found below. We continue to work with students on preparation for this very difficult exam. For more info on the certification exam, visit bocatc.org

ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

BOC PASS RATES	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	3 YR AGGREGATE
Number of students graduating from program.	21	29	19	69
Number of students graduating from program who took examination.	19	27	20	66
Number of students who passed the examination on the first attempt.	14	21	9	44
Percentage of students who passed the examination on the first attempt.	74	78	45	67**
Number of students who passed the examination regardless of the number of attempts.	16	27	13	56
Percentage of students who passed the examination regardless of the number of attempts.	84	100	65	85

GRADUATION RATES	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	3 YR AGGREGATE
Number of students graduating from program.	21	29	19	69
Student Graduation Rate (%)	72	83	54	70

EMPLOYMENT RATES	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	3 YR AGGREGATE
Number of students Employed as AT	12	24	2	38
Student Employment Rate as AT (%)	60	86	11	58
Number of students employed as other	7	4	16	27
Student Employment Rate as other (%)	35	14	89	41
Number of students not employed	1	0	0	1
Student Not Employed Rate (%)	5	0	0	2

RETENTION RATES	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	
Number of students beginning program (cohort number)	35	28	21	
Number of students returning for subsequent year 2	32	25	22	
Program retention rate 2yr (%)	91.43%	71.43%	78.57%	
Number of students returning for subsequent year 3	22	30	22	
Program retention rate 3yr (%)	75.86%	85.71%	62.86%	

** Note: BOC testing resulted in a 67% first time pass rate for GCU's current three-year pass rate; falling below the minimum 70% requirement. Delayed student testing, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, may be a contributing factor resulting in lower than normal pass rates.