

Athletic Training Degree Now Offered at Presentation College

Presentation College announces the addition of a Bachelor of Science degree in Athletic Training beginning this fall. According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, the field of athletic training is expected to grow 24% over the next 10 years.

Dr. Chris Todden has been named Director for the Athletic Training Program at Presentation College. Todden comes to Aberdeen from Storm Lake, IA, where he served as the Athletic Training Education Program Director at Buena Vista University. Todden holds a Master's Degree in Physical Education and received his Doctorate in Adult and Higher Education from the University of South Dakota. He is a member of the College Athletic Trainers Society, Mid America Trainer's Association, and the National Athletic Trainers' Association.



Dr. Chris Todden

Athletic training is focused on the management of health care problems associated with sports participation. Athletic trainers work cooperatively with physicians, coaches, parents, physical therapists, chiropractors, and other allied health professionals to form the sports medicine team. Students with an Athletic Training Degree will have employment opportunities with medical offices, professional sports teams, university and high school teams, physical therapy clinics, corporation fitness centers, health clubs, senior citizen centers, and city recreational facilities.

A highlight for student athletic trainers is the ability to experience hands-on learning with the human body in PC's on-campus cadaver lab for anatomy, physiology, and kinesiology and exercise physiology courses. Students will also gain experience working with PC's student athletes within a practical learning environment. The curriculum also has several electives that will allow students to specialize in various areas.

"A degree in Athletic Training will provide students the opportunity to work with athletes at the high school, college, university or professional level, or with patients at a hospital or sports medicine clinic", says Dr. James Johnson, Vice President for Academics at Presentation College.

Students interested in becoming an athletic trainer should have stamina and the ability to adapt, empathy, sense of humor, good communication skills, intellectual curiosity, ethical standards and being active in professional organizations. For more information on Presentation College degrees and enrollment options, please contact Dr. Chris Todden at 605.229-8303 or christopher.todden@presentation.edu.