APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**Introduction:**
Students must apply for admittance AND be accepted to the Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP) prior to declaring a major. Students will apply to the program in the spring preceding their intended admission to the ATEP the following fall. Students are only able to begin the professional program in the fall semester. The student must meet the appropriate academic qualifications. All application forms are available on the SDSU Athletic Training website: [http://athletictraining.sdsu.edu](http://athletictraining.sdsu.edu)

**Application deadline: February 1st**
An interview is also required for those that meet the minimum academic standards. Once the applications have been assimilated, you will be contacted for an interview. Interviews typically take place on an evening weekday in February. If you are an out-of-town applicant, you may arrange to have a phone interview.

**Instructions to the prospective student:**
- Print and complete ALL application materials as indicated by the downloadable links under the “Application” button on the website. Hard copies are also available upon request.
- Sign forms as indicated.
- When requesting official transcripts and letters of recommendation, be sure an official seal or signature remains intact across the back of the envelope.
- All materials must be submitted by the application date. Late materials will risk application consideration.

The following documents must accompany your application. You may choose to collect everything and send together, or request official transcripts and letters of recommendation be sent directly to the Program Director.

- Official copy of all college transcripts relevant to the pre-major or major coursework.
- Copy of current CPR, First Aid and AED certifications. You must have an advanced CPR course from one of the following providers:
  - CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer – American Red Cross
  - BLS for Healthcare Providers CPR/AED – American Heart Association
  - CPR for Professionals – American Safety & Health Institute
  - Professional Rescuer CPR – National Safety Council
First Responder CPR/AED – American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons
- Basic Life Support for Professionals – Medic First Aid
- ACLS – American Heart Association

- Two letters of recommendation.
  - Academic letter- written by a professor or teacher who can attest to your academic skill and ability to handle the rigors of scientific based course work.
  - Clinical letter- written by a person in the allied health field who is familiar with your career goals, career suitability, work ethic, maturity/ responsibility, and motivation/dedication. This letter could also come from an employer.

- Personal Statement- In a brief three to four paragraph statement, explain why you are considering athletic training as a career, what you feel it takes to be a successful athletic trainer, why you selected this program, what other time commitments you have (i.e., work, fraternity/ sorority, etc.), and what you expect to accomplish in the Professional Program.

- Athletic training observational experience hour log signed by your supervising ATC
- Athletic training observational experience student evaluation signed by your supervising ATC
- Signed Applicant Statement of Understanding
- Signed Technical Standards for Admission

*ALL MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 1st *

Please return the completed application to:

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