To: Stakeholders in Georgia Southern University’s Athletic Training Program  
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Subject: Status of the Athletic Training Program at Georgia Southern University

The Commission on Accreditation for Athletic Training Education (CAATE) has recently mandated that all Athletic Training programs must result in granting students a Master of Science in Athletic Training. According to CAATE, “Baccalaureate programs may not admit, enroll, or matriculate students into the athletic training program after the start of the fall term 2022”.

In preparation for these requirements and to prepare for a new professional Athletic Training master’s program, Georgia Southern University has proposed a teach-out of the current bachelor’s program in Athletic Training. Students who apply to the current undergraduate professional phase of the program by April 1, 2019, and are accepted to enter the professional program in the fall semester of August 2019 will be able to obtain a Bachelor’s of Science in Athletic Training from the accredited program in May of 2022 and will be the final undergraduate graduating class in the Athletic Training program. Students interested in gaining a degree in athletic training after this cohort is accepted should look into the exercise science and other undergraduate majors here at Georgia Southern University.

Any questions regarding the Athletic Training program and this transition can be directed to Steven Patterson, Ed.D., LAT, ATC at spatterson@georgiasouthern.edu.