why SHSU?

This is a university that thinks big but feels small. With a student population of over 19,000, SHSU prides itself with creating a close community. Current students and alumni alike attest to the warm, supportive environment found all over the SHSU campus. Faculty members are more than professors—they are mentors, advisors, informal tutors, and personal links to great career connections.

Sam Houston State University has something—and then some—for everyone. No matter where you look, you will find ways to have fun, make great friends, enjoy the arts, serve others, and challenge yourself.

An education from Sam Houston State University prepares graduates to be a vital part of the world. It gives them the theoretical and practical knowledge to understand and solve challenges. It equips them with the experience and confidence to become effective leaders. It develops in them a heart for service to their communities. It gives them the tools they need to have an impact—as new graduates and for the rest of their lives.

There are many ways to learn more about Sam Houston State University, but the best way is to come visit campus and experience it for yourself.

The Bachelor of Science in athletic training prepares you for a career as an athletic trainer or to continue your education in a variety of health care fields.

Once the athletic training program is nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), students who meet all program requirements will be qualified to sit for the national Board of Certification (BOC) exam.
Athletic Trainers (ATs) are health care professionals who collaborate with physicians to provide preventative services, emergency care, clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions.* The duties of an athletic trainer include carrying out injury prevention measures, providing emergency care to injured athletes, evaluating injuries and illnesses, and carrying out rehabilitation plans for injured athletes and the physically active.

The career settings for athletic trainers include, but are not limited to, schools, colleges, and universities; amateur and professional sports organizations; clinics, emergency rooms, and hospitals; the military; and performing arts companies.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Students may apply for all applicable SHSU scholarships by completing the ScholarX online application. Transfer scholarships are available for students who would like to continue their academic career at Sam Houston. SHSU provides a quality education at an affordable cost.

*Source: www.nata.org/athletic-training

"Athletic trainers are special people; we are athletic trainers because we care." - Jack Mansfield, IATA

### COURSEWORK

The athletic training program requires both classroom instruction and clinical education. You will learn to provide comprehensive care across five domains of clinical practice: Injury/Illness Prevention and Wellness Protection; Clinical Evaluation and Diagnosis; Immediate and Emergency Care; Treatment and Rehabilitation; and Organizational and Professional Health and Well-being. Clinical education is required in order to gain hands-on experience working with patients. Students in the athletic training program at SHSU are placed at a variety of clinical settings including intercollegiate athletics, high school athletics, clinic, and hospital sites.

### CERTIFICATION & LICENSURE

Once the athletic training program achieves national accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), students who meet all program requirements will qualify to sit for the national Board of Certification (BOC) exam. Students will also be eligible to apply for Texas State Licensure.