

Post-Baccalaureate Programs

Introduction



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Statistics of Post-Baccalaureate Student-Athletes

- In recent years, the NCAA has seen an increase in the number of “post-graduate” student athletes competing in collegiate athletics
 - A “Post Graduate” student athlete refers to student athletes who have completed their undergraduate degree with eligibility and continue to compete while enrolled in further coursework
- Overall, only 24% of current post graduate student athletes choose to pursue post baccalaureate programs.
- There were about 739 competing student athletes enrolled in post baccalaureate coursework in 2018.
 - 17% of athletes enrolled in a post baccalaureate program completed the coursework.

Benefits of Post-Bac Programs

- Make students more competitive for graduate school programs
- Provide an opportunity for students to take required classes after graduation
- Provide opportunities for students to raise their undergraduate grade point average.
- Increase overall marketability after graduating without attending a graduate program.



Researched Benefits

- Minority and disadvantaged students who complete the University of California post-baccalaureate program are three times more likely to gain admission into medical school (deGier, 2006).
- Post Baccalaureate certificates increase the probability of employment (Jepsen et al., 2014).
- Student athletes can use the Post Baccalaureate program to take classes outside of their undergraduate degree.

Financial Aid

- Around half of post graduate student athletes are offered financial aid to complete their coursework after the expiration of their eligibility
 - Availability of aid depends on the type of institution, sport, and other factors
- Post Graduate students receiving post-eligibility aid are more likely to complete their program than post graduate students who do not receive aid
 - 10% of Men's basketball and football post-bacc students who receive aid complete their program compared to the 9% completion rate of those who do not receive aid
 - 43% of Olympic sport post-bacc students who receive aid complete their program compared to the 20% completion rate of those who do not receive aid

