Master of Science in Athletic Training
Department of Health and Kinesiology
Texas A&M University

The faculty of the Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) Program would like to thank you for your interest in joining our program at Texas A&M University. We are pleased that you have chosen to pursue your career goals in Athletic Training with us in this unique program. The MSAT Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) allowing graduates from this program to sit for the Board of Certification (BOC) examination for athletic trainers.

Admission to the MSAT Program at Texas A&M University is selective and competitive with the total number of students accepted each year based on space availability. Students wishing to pursue a Master of Science degree in Athletic Training must apply and meet all general requirements for admission to the Graduate School of Texas A&M University and the Department of Health and Kinesiology’s (HLKN) Master of Science in Athletic Training Program. Acceptance by the Graduate School does not guarantee acceptance into the MSAT Program.

Application Deadline:
All application materials must be submitted by February 1. Individuals interested in early admission may apply between 9/15 and 10/15. Those individuals not selected for early admission will be re-considered with February 1 applicants. After review of applications by the MSAT Admissions Committee, applicants will be contacted regarding their admissions status. Should space become available, qualified applicants not admitted to the program initially may be put on an alternate list and contacted prior to June 1.

Program Start Date:
The program begins July 1 each year (based on calendar).

Admission Process and Requirements
Admission into the MSAT program is a two part process:

Part I: Texas A&M Application Materials
The first part of the process is completion of an online application to the Graduate School of Texas A&M University to pursue a Master of Science degree in Athletic Training in the Department of Health and Kinesiology (HLKN) in the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD). The application form is available online at www.applytexas.org. Include the following items:

- An application fee of $50 ($90 for international students) which can be paid online;
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores taken within the last five years of the date on the application form. When taking GRE, use code 6003 for reporting scores (Department code not needed) and the testing service will submit official scores to Texas A&M;
- Official transcripts from all previous and/or current institutions (official transcripts from Texas A&M are not needed). Electronic transcripts can be processed much faster than paper transcripts. Texas A&M will accept transcripts sent electronically through AVOW, SPEEDE, eScrip-SAFE or National Clearing House. If paper transcripts are submitted they should be sent to:
  Graduate Admissions Processing
  Office of Admissions
  Texas A&M University
  P.O. Box 40001
  College Station, TX 77842-4001
- International applicants may have to submit TOEFL scores as well. Please refer to http://admissions.tamu.edu/international/graduate for further information regarding requirements for international graduate applicants.

Part II: MSAT Program Application Materials and MSAT Application Checklist
The second part of the admission process is to show evidence of MSAT program specific requirements. After you have submitted your application via www.applytexas.org, you will receive an email from Admissions with your Universal Identification Number (UIN) and instructions on how to upload documents to the Applicant Information System (AIS). You can upload documents as you complete them. They do not have to be uploaded at the same time. Please be aware that
there is a processing delay after you complete ApplyTX before you receive your UIN and can upload documents into AIS. Therefore, do not wait until the last minute to complete ApplyTX or your support documents will be late. The Application Checklist (see below) contains the list of materials that need to be uploaded to AIS along with the checklist itself.

**MSAT Program Specific Requirements:**

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on all undergraduate course work (a lower GPA may be considered and weighted according to grades in major coursework, GPA last 60 hours, experience, GRE scores, academic rigor of undergraduate program, etc.).
- Minimum grade of “C” (2.0) in each of the following prerequisite courses or equivalents:
  a. Human Anatomy with lab (A&P I) (TAMU Course = BIOL 319);
  b. Human Physiology with lab (A&P II) (TAMU Course = BIOL 320);
  c. Physiology of Exercise (TAMU course = KINE 433);
  d. Analysis of Human Movement or Biomechanics (TAMU Course = KINE 426);
  e. Personal Health and Wellness (basic heath course) (TAMU Course = HLTH 231);
  f. Introduction to Psychology or Sport and Exercise Psychology (TAMU Courses = PSY 107 or KINE 304);
  g. Equivalent courses will be determined by program director. Description of prerequisite courses at Texas A&M can be found in the [Texas A&M undergraduate catalog](#).

Students must have all prerequisite courses, except Personal Health and Wellness, completed prior to July 1 which is the start of classes in the MSAT program. Students accepted into the program that have not completed the Personal Health and Wellness course prerequisite will be required to take the online HLTH 231 Healthy Lifestyles course at Texas A&M University during the first summer session prior to the program start date.

- Minimum GRE scores greater than or equal to 145 quantitative, 150 verbal and 3.5 writing.
- Evidence of a minimum of 50 hours of observation, or student athletic training experience, under the direct supervision of a BOC-certified athletic trainer (ATC) or Licensed Athletic Trainer (LAT). More hours are encouraged but not required. This is recommended in order for applicants to be confident that they understand the requirements and responsibilities of an athletic trainer.
- Three recommendations. At least one recommendation must be completed by an ATC or LAT that supervised athletic training observation hours, and one recommendation must be from a faculty member who can speak to an applicant’s graduate academic potential (no online course faculty). The third recommendation is the applicant’s choice.
- Copy of professional resume
- Signed copy of the MSAT Technical Standards for Admission form confirming the ability to meet these standards. Students will be required to maintain these standards throughout the program.
- Evidence that a physical examination, based on the MSAT Program’s Technical Standards for Admission, has been completed within the last 12 months and a Technical Standards Endorsement by Physician form has been signed.
- Verification of required immunizations.
Admission Categories

Full Admission:
To be granted full admission students must meet all minimum requirements listed above.

Conditional Admission:
Conditional admission may be granted when the department or program identifies an academic weakness. Conditional admission may be granted to a student when some type of deficiency is noted in the applicant's academic work, such as:

- The applicant has less than a 3.0 cumulative GPA in undergraduate work (but greater than 2.8) and GRE scores are above average;
- The applicant has less than a 3.0 cumulative GPA in undergraduate work but their last 60 hours of undergraduate work is a 3.0 or greater and GRE scores are above average;
- The applicant has lower than minimum GRE scores but their cumulative GPA is above average.
MSAT Application Checklist  
(Upload this Checklist onto AIS)  
Texas A&M University  
Master of Science in Athletic Training

Student’s Full Legal Name: _____________________________________________ Date: _______________________

All documents listed in the checklist AND this completed checklist should be uploaded to the Applicant Information System (AIS) before February 1. DO NOT MAIL MATERIALS

Please read all of the information below before completing the application. Copies of all application forms/documents are provided on the MSAT program website at http://graduateathletictraining.tamu.edu.

Required Application Materials: place a check next to each item as it is completed.

☐ MSAT Program Admission Application Form (available from MSAT webpage)

☐ Applicant Essay Questions. These answers should be word processed and double-spaced. Please separate answer by question. Your response to each question should not exceed one page, unless otherwise indicated. Essays are evaluated for substance and graduate level writing ability. [Note: Essay responses should be loaded into AIS as a separate document, not as a part of the purpose statement required by ApplyTX. The purpose statement only needs to be a brief paragraph regarding the program that you are applying for in order to assure that you have selected the correct academic major.

1. Why should you be admitted into the MSAT program at Texas A&M University? Please answer this question in relationship to academic work, athletic training or related experience, and any other helpful information (2-page maximum).
2. What are your short- and long-term goals (i.e., education, credentials, work setting, etc.)?
3. Describe your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of an athletic trainer as an allied health care professional.
4. Discuss any personal and professional influences that led you to want to become an athletic trainer and a graduate student.
5. What do you perceive to be your greatest strengths and how do you feel these will benefit you within this program and the athletic training profession?
6. What do you perceive to be your greatest weaknesses and what are your plans for improvement in these areas?
7. Please include any other information that you feel will enhance your application.

☐ Academic Transcripts. Upload a copy of unofficial transcripts from all colleges/universities and/or professional schools attended. Official copies will be sent to TAMU Graduate Admissions, but the MSAT requests unofficial copies to allow the MSAT Admission committee to view them more quickly.

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☐ Recommendations (3 total). One recommendation must be from an ATC or LAT that supervised your athletic training observation hours and one must be from a faculty member that can speak to academic potential in graduate school. The third recommendation is the applicant’s choice. Recommendations should be secure. Therefore, in the
eLOR module of AIS, provide names and emails of recommenders. You should then elect to waive your right to view the recommendation. Recommenders will then receive an email with a link allowing them to complete a recommendation form and upload a letter to a secure website.

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**Resume.** Include copy of current professional resume.

**GRE Scores (Unofficial).** Upload a copy of your GRE scores onto AIS that you receive from ETS. Once your GRE has been scored, you will receive an email notification from ETS that your official scores are available in your My GRE® Account.

**Pre-requisite Courses.** ALL of the courses listed below (or approved equivalents taken at another institution) must be completed with a C or better before starting classes in the MSAT program.

- If the course was not completed at Texas A&M University, you must upload a copy of the course description in order for the selection committee to determine if required NATA competencies have been met. The committee may request that a copy of the course syllabi be submitted if the course description does not provide enough detail.
- Prerequisite courses should be highlighted on the unofficial transcripts submitted to help admissions committee easily locate them.

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**Verification of Athletic Training Observation Hours** (Must be supervised by Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) or Licensed Athletic Trainer (LAT)] – 50 hours minimum). A separate document showing signed verification of observation hours with the supervisor’s signature and credential information may be uploaded in place of signed initials on the table below.
Technical Standards for MSAT Program form. All students must read and sign this document. If accommodations will be needed, please include an explanation of what will need to be provided for you to be successful in the program.

Physical Examination by Physician. (within the last 12 mo. of application date). This should include a medical history and physical examination. Physician will sign the Technical Standards Endorsement by Physician form indicating that a physical examination has been completed. A copy of the actual physical does not need to be sent.

Technical Standards Endorsement by Physician form. This form should be completed by the same physician that completed the physical examination.

Immunizations Form: Complete and submit the immunization form with verification documents.