

Master of Science in Athletic Training

Program Expenses and Fees

Policy/Procedure:

There exist some additional fees which athletic training students will incur as a result of participation in the MSAT program. The following table contains a list of these costs and is designed to provide a general idea of the additional costs that a student in the MSAT program may incur compared to other graduate students at Texas A&M University. This information is estimated and is subject to change. Information about common graduate student costs such as tuition, room, and board is available at http://finance.tamu.edu/sbs/tuition/cost_attendance.asp and in the Graduate catalog. Below is a list of some expenses:

Item:	1st Year	2nd Year
Apparel for Clinical Rotation	~\$50	~\$50
NATA/SWATA Membership	\$75 Atrack free with NATA membership	\$75 Atrack free with NATA membership
BOC Exam	NA	~\$35 application fee ~\$300 exam fee during priority scheduling ~\$375 exam fee during non-priority scheduling
Professional Conferences	Variable	Variable
Travel to Off-site clinical	Variable	Variable

Employment Outside of MSAT Program

Policy:

The MSAT program requires full-time attendance. It is a rigorous program with graduate course work as well as clinical experience hours that are required each semester. It will be difficult for a MSAT student to find time for employment while enrolled in the program and remain in good standing academically. With the realization that the athletic training program can present a financial burden to some students, those who do seek employment must not allow their employment to interfere with the academic or clinical education program. Clinical and field experience assignments will not be scheduled around a student's work hours. Students who are credentialed as health care professionals (e.g., LAT, PT, LPN, etc.) cannot accept employment with an affiliated site of the MSAT program. You should contact the MSAT program director with any questions regarding this policy.

Financial Aid

Policy:

Most financial aid is awarded on the basis of financial aid eligibility and the student's academic record.

Procedure:

1. All students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form is available online from the Texas A&M Scholarship and Financial Aid website (<https://financialaid.tamu.edu>).
2. Upon the student's admission to the University (i.e., admission into the MSAT program) and the University's receipt of the FAFSA, the financial aid office will determine the student's financial aid award and notify the student in writing with an official financial aid award letter.

Financial Assistance. Below are some forms of financial assistance available to students who have been admitted to Texas A&M University and are in good standing with the MSAT program:

1. Work-Study and Student Employment
All students in need of financial assistance are strongly encouraged to apply for federal financial aid through the Texas A&M University financial aid office. If work study or student employment permission is granted, students may be assigned to a variety of work study assignments on campus which may include the Athletics Department. Students accepting work study must fulfill their work requirement separately and in addition to their clinical experience hours which will be very difficult to do considering the challenging requirements of the MSAT program. If offered work study in the Athletics Department, athletic training skills or services cannot be performed as a replacement of certified athletic training staff.
2. HKLN Departmental and CEHD Scholarships
Students accepted into the MSAT may be considered for a scholarship awarded by the Texas A&M University CEHD or the Department of HLKN. Students are encouraged to apply for these scholarships. Students will be notified of application procedures. Typically, these scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis. The following websites include information about scholarships that are available to students in CEHD and HLKN.
<http://hlknweb.tamu.edu/articles/scholarships>
http://www.cehd.tamu.edu/articles/missing_page&ref=/articles/scholarship_office
http://www.cehd.tamu.edu/articles/additional_scholarship_opportunities
3. Professional Organization Scholarships
In addition to the on-campus financial aid, the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA), the Southwest Athletic Trainers' Association (SWATA), and various other professional organizations offer entry-level graduate students athletic training scholarships. See the program director and association websites for further information.

For information regarding other available scholarships and federal assistance, students should contact the Texas A&M University Student Financial Aid Office. February 1 is the date in which students should file the necessary paperwork to receive federal financial assistance.

Websites for Financial Aid:

1. Scholarships and Financial Aid Office – Texas A&M University
<http://financialaid.tamu.edu/>
2. Federal Student Aid
<http://studentaid.ed.gov>