

Texas A&M University

Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT)

MSAT Program Mission

The mission of the Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) program of Texas A&M University is to educate professional athletic training students who are knowledgeable, confident, reflective and service-oriented and who, by virtue of critical thinking, life-long learning, and ethical values, render sound judgments concerning patient/client needs.

In the MSAT program, we offer a unique educational opportunity for students to achieve excellence through challenging classes, diverse clinical experiences, participation in clinical research, and faculty and staff commitment.

Based on a strong foundation of scientific principles and evidence-based medicine, the program will prepare graduates to advance athletic training within the interdisciplinary health care system by functioning as clinicians, educators, administrators, researchers, and leaders.

MSAT Program Philosophy

The program believes that students and faculty function best in an environment that fosters personal and professional growth. The learning environment is designed to challenge students to become confident, competent, and compassionate health care professionals who are able to practice autonomously and ethically within a changing health care environment.

Students and faculty are encouraged to support the intellectual development of each other. This requires the use of creative and interactive approaches to teaching and learning with active involvement by all. Students and faculty in this program have various backgrounds in athletic training and in other allied fields, which can be shared and used to enhance the overall program. A spirit of inquiry is essential to maintaining a dynamic program that responds to the multidisciplinary health care needs of society.

Students and faculty are expected to be involved in professional, volunteer and learned organizations in order to be contributing members of society through service activities.

Respect for individual differences serves as a basic tenet of the program.

MSAT Program Goals

Success of the MSAT program is based on the fulfillment of these overarching goals. The MSAT program is designed to:

1. Prepare the student to meet the educational competencies and clinical proficiencies necessary to successfully challenge the Board of Certification (BOC) examination.
2. Provide the student with quality instruction in both the classroom and clinical setting.
3. Prepare the student to successfully seek employment in athletic training or further their formal education in doctoral programs.

4. Engage the student in a research experience to discover new knowledge and disseminate their findings.
5. Educate the student in the foundational behaviors of professional practice
6. Provide an individualized clinical plan for each student with consideration of:
 - a. the student's career interests and goals
 - b. prior experience and background
 - c. assessed strengths and weaknesses
 - d. personal characteristics and aptitude
 - e. providing the student with a variety of experiences, preceptors and patient populations