

# ATHLETIC TRAINING MASTER OF SCIENCE

## Prerequisite Courses

Students entering this graduate program are expected to have appropriate academic preparation prior to beginning academic coursework in athletic training. Transcript evaluation will be done by the graduate faculty to determine fulfillment of prerequisite knowledge in these areas. The course description and/or syllabus may be used to determine acceptance.

- Human Physiology and Anatomy I and II with Labs
- Exercise Physiology
- Kinesiology or Biomechanics
- General Psychology
- Basic Nutrition
- Statistics

### Preferred courses:

- Motor Learning
- undergraduate research course

Students who do not have a prerequisite course(s) may be admitted provisionally but must take the course(s) within one year of admission.

## Admission Requirements

This degree is clinical degree program. The graduate program in Athletic Training is designed to prepare students to become entry level athletic training professionals and it prepares students for the Board of Certification (BOC) exam. The curriculum is based upon cognitive and psychomotor learning experiences. In order to become eligible to sit for the BOC examination, students within this degree must successfully complete all of the coursework within the professional area, successfully complete and pass all NATA competencies, and complete clinical education experience each semester over the course of the two year (including summers) program. Each new ATP cohort begins in June.

The program will review application as they are received. Applications must be received no later than May 25th to be considered to start summer courses in June. Applications, transcripts, overall GPA, GPA in prerequisite courses, GRE scores, and an electronic audio and video interview will be used in the evaluation process.

## Program Admission Requirements

1. Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 (GPA below 3.0 may be considered)
2. A standard graduate admission test (GRE or equivalent) must be on record if cumulative GPA is below a 3.0.
3. Three (3) letters of recommendation from academic and professional references concerning the candidate's potential to succeed in graduate school. At least one letter must be from a certified athletic trainer.
4. It is recommended but not required to obtain a minimum of 25-50 contact hours with a certified athletic trainer.
5. Official transcripts from each institution attended.
6. An essay stating why the student wants to be an athletic trainer, career goals, and the attributes the student possesses that will make him or her successful in life and athletic training.
7. Completed application through ATCAS (<https://caate.net/apply-now/>). Once application and admission through ATCAS (<https://caate.net/apply-now/>) is

complete, the MSUB graduate student application must be completed and the application fee paid.

8. The program has rolling admission; therefore students can apply at any time, but application to begin the program in June must be completed in May.
9. Students will be required to participate in an internet- or phone-based interview with faculty from the program.

**Admission into the Athletic Training Education Program is a competitive process.**

## Notification of Program Admittance

The applicant for the Master of Science in Athletic Training will receive a letter from the Director of Graduate Studies indicating the status of admittance no later than 30 days after the application deadline.

Minimum Undergraduate GPA: If a student has below a 3.0 (on a 4 point scale), that student may be admitted provisionally to the program; however, the student must complete 12 semester hours with a 3.0 or better in order to obtain full admittance into the ATP.

International students: Either TOEFL or IELTS required.

## Other Program Requirements

For other program requirements including retention and graduation requirements, please see the Athletic Training Program website ([http://www.msbillings.edu/cahp/athletic\\_training/](http://www.msbillings.edu/cahp/athletic_training/)) or Graduate Studies for the most current information.

The athletic training program was granted initial accreditation in 2005. The MSUB ATP is currently accredited by CAATE through 2020-2021. Students are eligible to sit for the BOC examination.

The Athletic Training Education Program is a two year (five semester) program with each new cohort beginning in June.

## Student Learning and Outcomes Assessment

The National Athletic Training Association (NATA), the Board of Certification (BOC) for Athletic Training and the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) have set the benchmarks for education, exam preparation, and professional practice for athletic training. The MSU Billings athletic training program seeks to meet and exceed the educational requirements presented in the NATA Athletic Training Education Competencies. The program further seeks to produce athletic trainers who possess the ability to function as professional athletic trainers in accordance with the current role delineation study, but also have the ability to conduct and evaluate research in the athletic training field.

Students who complete the Montana State University Billings Master of Science in Athletic Training will:

- Meet or exceed minimal requirements for professional certification
- Ascertain and demonstrate the required skills for all NATA Athletic Training Education Competencies
- Display critical thinking and formulate sound clinical decision making in their clinical field experiences
- Develop, design, and execute independent research projects

Outcome assessments are conducted in each course, during clinical experiences, and at the conclusion of the research project or thesis.

## Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ATEP 534	Athletic Training Techniques I	3
ATEP 535	Athletic Trng Techniques II	3
ATEP 540	Practicum in Athletic Trng I	1
ATEP 541	Practicum in Athletic Trng II	1
ATEP 542	Lower Extremity Assessment	3
ATEP 544	Upper Extremity Assessment	3
ATEP 546	General Medical Assessment	3
ATEP 550	Practicum in Athletic Trng III	1
ATEP 551	Practicum in Athletic Trng IV	1
ATEP 559	Clinical Education I	2
ATEP 564	Clinical Education II	2
ATEP 566	Therapeutic Modalities	3
ATEP 572	Therapeutic Exercise	3
ATEP 574	Manual Therapy Techniques	3
ATEP 577	Clinical Education III	9
ATEP 578	Org and Admin in Athletic Trng	3
ATEP 582	Clinical Education IV	2
HADM 607	Hlth Informatics & Info Systms	3
HHP 502	Rsrch in Exercise & Sport Sci	3
HHP 598	Research Project	3
KIN 462	Evidence Based Assessment	3
NUTR 411	Nutrition for Spts & Exercise	3
Total Minimum Credits		61

Students may substitute courses and change the program plan only with the approval of the graduate faculty.

## Suggested Plan of Study

Code	Title	Credits
First Year		
Summer		
ATEP 534	Athletic Training Techniques I	3
ATEP 542	Lower Extremity Assessment	3
Total		6
Fall		
KIN 462	Evidence Based Assessment	3
ATEP 540	Practicum in Athletic Trng I	1
ATEP 544	Upper Extremity Assessment	3
ATEP 559	Clinical Education I	2
ATEP 566	Therapeutic Modalities	3
HADM 607	Hlth Informatics & Info Systms	3
Total		15
Spring		
NUTR 411	Nutrition for Spts & Exercise	3
ATEP 541	Practicum in Athletic Trng II	1
ATEP 546	General Medical Assessment	3
ATEP 564	Clinical Education II	2
ATEP 572	Therapeutic Exercise	3
HHP 502	Rsrch in Exercise & Sport Sci	3
Total		15

Second Year		
Summer		
ATEP 574	Manual Therapy Techniques	3
ATEP 578	Org and Admin in Athletic Trng	3
Total		6
Fall		
ATEP 550	Practicum in Athletic Trng III	1
ATEP 577	Clinical Education III	9
Total		10
Spring		
ATEP 535	Athletic Trng Techniques II	3
ATEP 551	Practicum in Athletic Trng IV	1
ATEP 582	Clinical Education IV	2
HHP 598	Research Project	3
Total		9