

MASTER OF ATHLETIC TRAINING



Why the Master of Athletic Training?

The Master of Athletic Training (MAT) program offers a cutting-edge curriculum designed to enhance clinical decision-making. In this program you will gain expertise in evidence-based practice to improve patient care and clinical outcomes. Throughout the program you will work with healthcare clinicians in interprofessional settings to expand your clinical knowledge and skills. Our program develops clinical and academic leaders who will advance the athletic training profession and serve as skilled clinicians with requisite knowledge in implementing clinical decisions that improves the delivery of athletic healthcare locally and globally.

Why the Master of Athletic Training at BGSU?

BGSU's graduate program in Athletic Training requires immersive clinical experiences within the local community where students will be able to put their skills to immediate practice under the supervision of expert preceptors. The program offers students the opportunity to practice athletic health care in diverse settings, including international opportunities. BGSU's faculty in athletic training are experts and scholars in their respective specialties, including administration, traumatic brain injury/concussion, orthopedic assessment, evidence-based practice, and international healthcare.

Learning outcomes

Graduates of the MAT program will be able to collaborate in interprofessional practice with a variety of global healthcare professionals. They will be able to integrate research and standards of evidence-based practice and quality improvement in clinical decision-making. They will be able to develop a patient center plan of care that emphasizes appropriate diagnosis, management, and treatment of injuries and illnesses in an active population.

Graduates will also be able to provide athletic training services to medically underserved and diverse populations, and foster effective communication with and between patients, administrators, and other healthcare professionals. They will be able to demonstrate ethical, moral, and legal behaviors of athletic training clinical practice. They will be able to distinguish the profession of athletic training within the broader climate of healthcare.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Program strengths and uniqueness

- Focus on global healthcare
- Opportunity to engage with tactical athletes
- State of the art virtual human dissection table
- Variety of clinical education opportunities
- Curriculum focused on holistic approach to healthcare

Professional opportunities

MAT graduates are eligible to challenge the Board of Certification's athletic training exam, which meets the requirements for licensure. MAT graduates have been hired in a diversity of healthcare practice settings including professional sports (NFL, NBA, MLB, etc.), collegiate athletics, hospital and ambulatory care settings, occupational health settings, sports medicine clinics, and high schools. MAT graduates are also able to work in clinical or nonclinical settings, such as healthcare administration. They may also choose to continue their education and earn advance doctorate degrees in athletic training (DAT) or other related disciplines.



According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employment of athletic trainers is projected to grow 23% from 2014 to 2024. As people become more aware of sports-related injuries at a young age, demand for athletic trainers is expected to increase, particularly with youth sports.

Admission requirements

Admission to the MAT program is selective. Two routes of admission are available. For both routes, applicants must complete all of the required prerequisite courses (see program website for details).

One route is for students in their final semester of undergraduate coursework or students that have already earned a bachelor's degree. The second route enables current BGSU undergraduates to apply to the program as an accelerated, pre-master's student. This second option requires a minimum 3.0 GPA after 90 undergraduate credits or 3.2 GPA after 75 credits. These applicants may forego the GRE submission. For this route, seniors may enroll in six graduate credit hours which may be used toward the curriculum requirements of the graduate program when receiving at least a B grade in those courses. If these requirements, as well as the requirements listed below, are all successfully completed, the student will automatically advance to the graduate program upon completion of the bachelor's degree.

A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is required for admission and must be maintained. Applicants are required to submit scanned copies of official or unofficial transcripts from all institutions attended. Upon admission, final official or notarized copies of transcripts from all institutions where degrees were earned and diplomas from international institutions must be submitted. Before beginning the MAT program, admitted students must also provide documentation of a current ADA technical standards (see website), up-to-date immunizations, TB testing, BCI background check, and current emergency cardiac care certification.

Applicants are required to submit official scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). This requirement will be waived for applicants with a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher. Two letters of recommendation and a personal statement are also required. Finally, applicants must provide evidence of 40 hours of observation under the supervision of a Certified Athletic Trainer, demonstrate completion of AT technical standards, and complete a formal interview before being accepted to the MAT program.

International applicants are also required to submit scores from the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), the Pearson Test of English Academic (PTEA), or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Successful completion of ELS 112 will also be accepted for this requirement.

Curriculum

A total of 54-56 credit hours of coursework at the graduate level are required.

First Year - Summer Session I

- AT 6000: Clinical Anatomy (3)

First Year - Summer Session II

- AT 6010: Emergency Management in AT (3)
- AT 6120: Evaluation & Application of Research in Healthcare (3)

First Year - Fall

- AT 6100: Evaluation & Treatment I (5)
- AT 6110: Clinical Experience I (3)

First Year - Spring

- AT 6200: Evaluation & Treatment II (3)
- AT 6210: Clinical Experience II (3)
- AT 6220: Pathophysiology (3)
- AT 6230: Issues & Conditions of Diseases (2)

Second Year - Summer Session I

- AT 6310: Clinical Experience III (3)

Second Year - Summer Session II

- AT 6300: Evaluation & Treatment III (3)
- AT 6320: Administration & Management in AT (3)

Second Year - Fall

- AT 6400: Evaluation & Treatment IV (4)
- AT 6410: Clinical Experience IV (3)
- AT 6420: Global Healthcare Dynamics (3)

Second Year - Winter Session

- AT 6430: Athletic Training in a Multicultural Environment (1-3)

Second Year - Spring

- AT 6510: Culminating Experience in AT (6)

Cost of tuition

Please refer to www.bgsu.edu/offices/bursar for current information on tuition and fees.

Financial assistance

Domestic students enrolled in four (4) or more credit hours are eligible to apply for financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to calculate student contribution and financial need. You may apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

How to apply

Visit the BGSU Graduate College website at www.bgsu.edu/graduate/admissions.

Application deadlines summer term only:

Priority application deadline: February 15

Final application deadline: March 15