Master of Science in Athletic Training

The Jerry & Vickie Moyes College of Education
Weber State University
2801 University Circle
The WSU Master of Science in Athletic Training degree is designed to enable students with a bachelor's degree in an area other than athletic training to obtain eligibility for the Board of Certification (BOC) examination. This program will seek accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). Once the program is accredited, students will be eligible for the Board of Certification (BOC) examination.

The program provides students with knowledge and skills in the prevention, evaluation, treatment, and rehabilitation of musculoskeletal injuries and general medical conditions. The Master of Science in Athletic Training program (MSAT) is specifically designed to prepare students for a career in allied health care as a certified athletic trainer. Athletic trainers are currently employed in colleges and universities, public and private high schools, corporations, physical therapy clinics, professional organizations, the military, factories, and hospitals (www.nata.org - National Athletic Trainers' Association).

Seventy percent of all Certified Athletic Trainers hold at least a masters degree. This is becoming the professional standard. The MS in Athletic Training program at Weber State University is specifically designed for students who already possess a bachelor’s degree in a related allied health or exercise science area. However, students with a bachelor's degree in a different field could enter the program after meeting the pre-requisite coursework.

Clinical Rotations - Students will complete a variety of clinical rotations with Division I WSU athletics teams, high schools athletics, sports medicine/physical therapy clinics, and physician's offices. There will also be many opportunities to work with other health care professionals at marathons, triathlons, the Special Olympics, and figure skating competitions, just to name a few.

Tuition Schedule can be found at:
http://departments.weber.edu/accounting/cashiers/Summer08-09/MasterPrograms_2008-09.pdf

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# Required Coursework

## REQUIRED PRE-REQUISITE COURSES:
(31 hours) (or equivalent courses - syllabi required)

(ZOOL 2100) Human Anatomy with lab (4)
(ZOOL 2200) Human Physiology with lab (4)
(PSY 1010) Introduction to Psychology (3)
(AT 2300) Emergency Response (3)
(HLTH 1030) Healthy Lifestyles (3)
(PEP 3500) Kinesiology/Biomechanics (3)
(PEP 3510) Exercise Physiology (3)
(NUTR 1020) Foundations in Nutrition (3)
(HTHS 2240) Introduction to Pharmacology (3)
(PEP 3280) Teaching Neuromuscular Conditioning (2)

## REQUIRED GRADUATE COURSES: (51 hours)

### Didactic Courses:
- MSAT 6080 - Research Methods I (3)
- MSAT 6085 - Research Methods II (3)
- MSAT 6090 - Research Methods III (3)
- MSAT 6200 – Psychology of Sport, Injury, & Rehabilitation (3)
- MSAT 6300 - Orthopedic Assessment - Lower (3)
- MSAT 6301 - Orthopedic Assessment - Upper (3)
- MSAT 6350 - General Medical in AT (3)
- MSAT 6400 - Basic Modalities (3)
- MSAT 6401 - Advanced Modalities (3)
- MSAT 6431 - Orthopedic Taping, Wrapping, & Bracing (1)
- MSAT 6450 - Basic Rehabilitation (3)
- MSAT 6451 - Advanced Rehabilitation (3)
- MSAT 6600 - AT Management (3)
- MSAT 6999 - Critical Thinking (1)

### Clinical Courses:
- MSAT 6500 - Introduction to Graduate AT (2)
- MSAT 6501 - Graduate Practicum I (2)
- MSAT 6502 - Graduate Practicum II (3)
- MSAT 6503 - Graduate Practicum III (3)
- MSAT 6504 - Graduate Practicum IV (3)
## Two Year Curriculum

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Minimum Admissions Requirements

- Bachelor’s degree
- Admission to Weber State University
- GRE scores (only required if GPA is below a 3.0)
- Minimum 3.0 GPA*
- Submit Graduate Athletic Training Student Application
- Submit Letter of Application
- Two letters of Recommendation - at least one letter from a college-level instructor
- Grade of C or better in all prerequisite courses (all prerequisites must have been completed within the last 10 years prior to application)**
- Program Interview - in person or over the phone
- Completed Technical Standards Form
- Official Transcripts from other colleges/universities attended
- Physical examination and proof of immunizations
- Hepatitis-B vaccination (can be completed in first semester if deficient)
- Current Emergency Response and CPR for Professional Rescuer certification cards (can be completed in first semester if deficient)

* Grade point averages between 2.75 and 2.99 will be considered if GRE scores are above average.

** Students who are deficient in one or more prerequisite courses may be admitted on a conditional basis if the courses can be added to the schedule while still meeting the prerequisites prior to each graduate course.

The application deadline is February 1 for the following fall semester. Applications received after the deadline will be considered on a rolling admissions basis if available slots still exist. Students are encouraged to apply by the February 1st deadline, as the program may reach capacity at that point. Applications may be obtained from the MSAT director and on-line at http://programs.weber.edu/athletictraining.
Post-Admission Requirements

After formal admission to the Athletic Training Masters degree program, students are required to complete an FBI background check and drug test. The WSU Athletic Training Education Program enters into Affiliation Agreements with multiple healthcare facilities and schools throughout the state. These agreements provide WSU Athletic Training Education student and faculty authorized access to facility resources and patients. In response to stipulations contained within one or more of these Agreements, the WSU Athletic Training Education Program requires students admitted to the Athletic Training Education program to submit to an FBI level criminal background check as well as a urine drug test. This screening process has been mandated by the WSU Athletic Training Education Program in an effort to more effectively protect the safety and well-being of the patients, clients, and residents of those facilities, and is fully supported by the Department of Health Promotion and Human Performance and the Athletic Training Education faculty.

Both the background check and the drug test will be completed on campus during the student's first semester. The expenses (approximately $75) will be paid for by the student.

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All international students and any applicants educated outside the U.S. must demonstrate proficiency in English. Those whose native language is not English, or whose language of instruction for their undergraduate degree was not English, will be required to submit a score from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) which is not more than two years old and on which a minimum score of 550 (paper-based) or 213 (computer-based) has been earned.

All international transcripts must also be evaluated using one of the WSU approved Foreign Credential Evaluation Services Agencies listed on the WSU Admissions website: http://weber.edu/Admissions/is_transcripteval.html
Selection Process

A. All applicants will be ranked using a numerical scale on the following criteria:

1. Cumulative GPA/GRE Scores [0-4 weight in selection formula = 25%]
2. Letter of Application [0-4 weight in selection formula = 25%]
3. Letters of Recommendation [0-4 weight in selection formula = 25%]
4. Previous athletic training experience and strength of applicant's commitment as reflected in interview responses [0-4 weight in selection formula = 25%]

B. Students receiving the highest scores in the rating process will be invited to enter the athletic training master's program. The selection committee is comprised of the ATEP faculty and clinical instructors. The number of students chosen to enter the program each year will vary, in compliance with accreditation guidelines concerning clinical instructor-to-student ratios. Selection into the ATEP is competitive and satisfaction of the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

C. Applicants not invited to enter the athletic training program may reapply the following year. All applicants who eventually re-apply must meet all requirements in effect at the time of re-application. Students are encouraged to contact the ATEP Director for current admission requirements.

D. All students selected for the athletic training program must provide evidence of being able to meet the Technical Standards for Admission of the program. Only those students who verify that they can meet those technical standards, with or without reasonable accommodations, will be allowed to enter the program.

Retention Requirements

A. After students are selected into the Athletic Training MS, retention in the program will be based on the following criteria:

1. Grade "B-" or better in all required courses (includes Graduate Program courses).
2. Maintain an overall Weber State University Graduate GPA of 3.0.
3. Adhere to Athletic Training Policies and Procedures.

B. Students who fail to meet the retention criteria will be placed on probation in the Athletic Training MS program for one semester. If standards are not met by the end of the probationary period, the student will be dismissed from the program. Students who receive a grade lower than a "B-" in any required course must repeat that course and receive a grade of "B-" or higher to remain in the program. Failure to repeat the course (when offered) will result in dismissal from the program. Athletic Training Policies and Procedures are available in the MS Athletic Training Student Handbook.