ATHLETIC TRAINING, MS

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This is a professional preparation program for aspiring athletic training healthcare professionals.

The program provides students with a strong foundation of the competencies and proficiencies (knowledge, skills and attitudes) established by the National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA) and an educational experience that complies with the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) standards for professional athletic trainer preparation. Because of increasing employment opportunities in youth athletic leagues and school settings, students also engage in pediatric sports medicine coursework to address the special needs of this patient population. Students will deliver care to diverse patient populations at a variety of clinical practicum education sites.

Successfully completing the program will prepare a student to become a nationally certified, athletic training Board of Certification (BOC®), Virginia Board of Medicine licensed athletic trainer.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Application Requirements
- Completed Application for Graduate Study
- Completion of bachelor’s degree by program start
- GRE with scores of 145 on each section is preferred (must be within 5 years)
- Personal goals statement (up to 500 words), covering the following items: academic and occupational background, the development of your interest in athletic training, reasons for wanting to enter this program, qualities you possess which will enhance functioning as an athletic training, career objective(s)
- Two recommendations from professional references
- Proof of current Emergency Cardiac Care (CPR/AED) Certification at the level of Healthcare Professional
- Grade of “C” or better in the following courses:

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Policies

For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP6 Graduate Policies.
ATEP 686  | Athletic Training Practicum 5 (450-600 hours)  | 6  

Total Credits  | 15  

**Note:**  
- Practicum courses require a clinical education field experience component.  
- Students will engage in coursework during the summers of their academic program.

George Mason University is currently seeking accreditation for their new Athletic Training program and is not accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). The institution completed the accreditation site visit in February 2018 and should have the accreditation status by May 2018. Completion of a site visit does not guarantee that the program will become accredited. Students who graduate from the program prior to accreditation WILL NOT be eligible to sit for the credentialing examination for athletic trainers and will not be eligible for licensure in most states.

**Special Requirements**

**Fees and Expenses**

All ATEP courses will assess a $17 accreditation fee per credit, a $25 program fee per credit, a $200 practicum clinical supervision fee for ATEP 686, through student accounts when paying tuition. For more information on the need for these fees please see the Student Accounts website (http://studentaccounts.gmu.edu/tuition-fees) under College of Education and Human Development. For additional information on housing, transportation, and other costs please see the Admissions Paying for College website (https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/paying-for-college).

**Technical Standards**

After admission to the MSAT, students must submit a technical standards certification statement, located on the MSAT website, indicating that they have read, understand, and can meet the technical standards for athletic training students, either with or without accommodation. These standards outline the essential functional tasks that students must be able to perform to enroll in and complete the program. Students requiring special accommodations are encouraged to contact the Office of Disability Services (http://ds.gmu.edu).

**Health Examinations and Certifications**

Athletic training students are required to have evidence of completion of the three hepatitis B immunizations, a titer report indicating positive immunity, or a signed waiver. Students choosing not to complete hepatitis B immunizations will be required to sign a declination waiver. Some practicum sites require proof of tuberculosis screening in accordance with current U.S. Public Health Service recommendations. Students will be responsible for any costs associated with such screenings. All MSAT students must complete annual blood-borne pathogens and infectious disease exposure training offered in the practicum courses. All students must have proof of current Emergency Cardiac Care (CPR/AED Certification at the level of a Healthcare Professional (e.g. American Heart Association's Basic Life Support for Healthcare Professionals, the Emergency Care & Safety Institute (ECSI)) and First Aid Certification. For additional information about ATEP academic policies and procedures refer to the program handbook (https://rht.gmu.edu/athletic-training/forms).

**Background Check**

Students will be required to undergo a criminal background check at the student’s expense, upon admission to the MSAT. Most practicum sites require an additional background check before engaging in patient treatment. The Clinical Education Coordinator will provide instructions to complete the background check. If a criminal background check fails to meet the requirements of a student’s assigned practicum site, the student will be withdrawn from the practicum site and may be prohibited from completion of the MSAT curriculum. Students are encouraged to disclose any criminal background incidences to the ATEP Director and Clinical Education Coordinator prior to practicum placement, to determine if the incidences might be detrimental to placement at a practicum site.

**Transportation Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of the MSAT students to arrange transportation to and from their assigned practicum course sites. It is recommended that students have personal transportation. A limited number of sites are accessible via public transportation. In the case that a practicum site is not accessible by public transportation and the student does not have a car, it is suggested the student take public transportation as far as possible and then take a taxi to the site. The student is responsible for all transportation fees including but not limited to gas, parking, bus, metro, taxi and zip car expenses. Students that have financial difficulty are encouraged to meet with a financial aid advisor to seek additional assistance.

**Summer Courses**

Students are required to engage in MSAT summer courses. Housing and travel arrangements are the responsibility of the student.