

Program:	Athletic Training	Dept:	Kinesiology and Health Studies
Major:	Athletic Training	College:	Education and Professional Studies
Degree:	Master of Athletic Training (M.A.T.)	Major Code:	3751

Athletic Training, M.A.T.

The Master of Athletic Training in Athletic Training degree is a 50-hour, professional-level program, which provides graduate students with the knowledge, skills and clinical education necessary to become a practicing athletic trainer. The MAT program is designed for students who have completed an undergraduate degree seeking entry into the athletic training profession through a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) standards www.caate.net. This program is not intended for students who already have an undergraduate athletic training degree from a CAATE accredited institution or are currently eligible for the BOC Certification Examination.

According to the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA), www.nata.org, athletic trainers are "Health care professionals who render service or treatment, under the direction of or in collaboration with a physician, in accordance with their education and training and the states' statutes, rules and regulations. As a part of the health care team, services provided by athletic trainers include injury and illness prevention, wellness promotion and education, emergent care, examination and clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions."

The MAT curriculum will cover the skills and knowledge required to become a Certified Athletic Trainer established by the Board of Certification, Inc., www.bocac.org. The foundational skills and knowledge are outlined within the five domains of athletic training: Risk Reduction, Wellness, and Health Literacy; Assessment, Evaluation, and Diagnosis; Critical Incident Management; Therapeutic Intervention; and Healthcare Administration and Professional Responsibility.

To become a certified athletic trainer, a student must graduate with a master's degree from an accredited professional athletic training program and pass a comprehensive test administered by the Board of Certification (BOC). Once certified, the individual must meet ongoing continuing education requirements in order to remain certified. Athletic trainers must also work in collaboration with a physician and within their state practice act. Eligibility for the BOC exam is contingent upon completion of a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) that meets core competency requirements within the curriculum. Passage of the certifying examination is a requirement for licensure in most states.

An athletic trainer is not the same as a personal trainer, who is not usually considered a health care professional and whose vocation is exercise management. A personal trainer may or may not be certified.

The mission of the Master of Athletic Training Program (MATP) is to provide transformative educational opportunities for students to achieve intellectual, professional, personal and creative growth within a nationally accredited curriculum in the field of athletic training to service the health care needs of Oklahoma and beyond.

The goals of the Master of Athletic Training Program are:

1. To provide students the opportunity to complete an accredited program of study that will provide them with the knowledge and clinical skills to become Certified Athletic Trainers.
2. To provide students the opportunity to learn, develop and apply critical thinking, decision-making skills necessary to become an allied-health care provider.
3. To provide students the opportunity to learn, develop and demonstrate ethical leadership and professional behaviors as they relate to health care in a global society.

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Admission Requirements

Admission to the Graduate Athletic Training Program is competitive. (See: <https://www.uco.edu/programs/jcgs/ceps/master-of-science-in-athletic-training>). Applicants will need to complete a multiple step process to be eligible for admission to the Master of Athletic Training Program and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS). Applicants will not be admitted to the MATP until after submitting a complete application to the JCGS and meeting all requirements, including an interview. International students must first meet the university's international admission requirements

before applying for program admission. These students should first talk with an advisor in the Office of Global Affairs.

Applicants may obtain application forms and instructions from the program's webpage at <https://www.uco.edu/programs/jcgs/ceps/master-of-science-in-athletic-training> or the program director. Students wishing to transfer into the program from other graduate programs must be aware of the program's transfer policies.

Application deadlines:

- December 15 for early admission
- April 1 for regular admission

Submit the following:

- A Master of Athletic Training Program application by advertised date.
- A Jackson College of Graduate Studies online application for admission. (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts in sealed envelopes from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited

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institutions. Transcripts must show:

- A minimum 2.75 GPA overall or 2.75 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
- Completion of at least 41 hours from the following: HLTH 3493, BIO 1114, PHY 1024, CHEM 1014, BIO 2504, BIO 2604, PHED 3503, PHED 3333, HLTH 3412, KINS 2643, KINS 4513, BIO 2102, and PSY 1103. Applicants must have completed these courses within the last 10 years and must have earned a grade of "C" or better for course.
- A candidate with a deficient prerequisite course may still gain provisional admission, if otherwise qualified. See Admission to Graduate Studies section.
- A completed application reviewed by the selection committee and meeting competitive admission requirements.
- Two letters of recommendation: One letter each from: professor/instructor and one from an athletic trainer, physician or allied-health provider. Letters of recommendation are requested through the online application portal.
- A Statement of Goals regarding your athletic training future or philosophy
- A signed Technical Standards document verifying that the student can meet or exceed the minimum mental, physical, emotional, communicative and intellectual abilities necessary for athletic training
- Immunization records with HBV information
- Professional Rescuer CPR and First Aid certification or equivalent (submit copies of both sides of cards)

Once all application materials are received and reviewed by the program, the program director will notify the candidates and invite the successful ones to an interview. Selected applicants must then complete an on-campus or virtual interview with the selection committee.

After being invited to the Master of Athletic Training Program, students' admissions will be finalized by the Jackson College of Graduate Studies.

Immediate Post-Admission Requirements

Once accepted to both the program and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies, students must participate in the July semester academic program and complete clinical requirements of the MATP between the July summer semester and fall semester. Pre-clinical level requirement completion is mandatory for participation in the clinical program. Each student will be oriented to their clinical site prior to beginning the rotation. Students that have been accepted, admitted and enrolled in the July semester but fail to complete the pre-professional requirements because of some unforeseeable circumstance will be placed on probation for one semester or until the requirements are met (See Probation Procedure). There are costs involved to complete these requirements as well as the need for transportation to and from clinical sites. The approximate costs are listed below but are subject to change.

Requirements:

1. Pass KINS 5313 and KINS 5623 with a "B" or better.
 - Bloodborne Pathogen Training completed in KINS 5623 - \$30.00
2. Complete all core competencies. If all proficiencies are not completed, a grade of "I" – Incomplete will be given, and the students will not be allowed to enroll in the Clinical Level I courses.

3. Reviewed with program director the program's policy and procedure manual, nondiscrimination policies, academic advisement and graduation requirements.
4. Pay \$150.00 annual clinical program fee
 - Uniform and program badge
 - Personal clinical equipment
5. Submit application for Apprentice Athletic Trainer License with the Oklahoma State Board of Medical License and Supervision, \$30.00 (www.okmedicalboard.org)
 - Criminal background check, \$15.00 - 35.00
6. Purchase Student Liability Insurance through the University's Bursar Office and provide receipt to the program director - \$15.00 - 25.00
7. TB Test and Flu vaccination, - \$35.00
8. Drug testing that may be required for certain clinical sites, approximately \$60.00
9. National Athletic Trainers' Association Membership, \$80.00
10. Patient contact an hour tracking software, \$90.00
11. Application for Graduation, \$45.00
12. Board of Certification, Inc. Exam, \$365.00

It is the student's responsibility to provide transportation to off-campus clinical sites, doctor offices, hospitals, outreach, observations, and educational seminars related to the clinical education. Access to transportation is required to complete the clinical courses.

Retention/Progression Requirements

1. Must be in "Good Standing" with the MATP, Graduate College and University.
2. Must meet all MATP clinical requirements.
3. Must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in athletic training major courses.
4. Must earn a "B" or better in major courses.
5. Must take required courses in sequence to ensure "logical progression of increasingly complex and autonomous patient-care and client-care experiences."
6. Must be enrolled in designated courses to meet curriculum sequence requirements.
7. Must demonstrate ability to continue to meet Technical Standards.

Graduation Requirements

Required Courses.....50 Hours
Taken in the Following Sequence

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title	Hrs
First Summer Term			
KINS	5313	Prevention & Health Promotion Principles	3
KINS	5623	Examination & Diagnosis I	3
First Fall Semester			
KINS	5343	Examination & Diagnosis II	3
KINS	5413	Athletic Training Clinical I	3
KINS	5433	Therapeutic Interventions I	3
KINS	5321	Interprofessional Education I	1

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First Spring Semester			
HLTH	5433	Quantitative Methods OR	3
HLTH	5463	Epidemiological Methods	
KINS	5443	Athletic Training Clinical II	3
KINS	5523	Therapeutic Interventions II	3
KINS	5363	Examination & Diagnosis III	3
KINS	5381	Interprofessional Education II	1
Second Summer Term			
KINS	5713	Patient Centered Care Administration	3
KINS	5723	Psychosocial Interventions	3
Second Fall Semester			
KINS	5513	Examination & Diagnosis IV	3
KINS	5613	Therapeutic Interventions III	3
KINS	5733	Athletic Training Clinical III	3
Second Spring Semester			
KINS	5743	Athletic Training Clinical IV	3
KINS	5633	Transition to Professional Practice	3

Other Requirements

1. Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with their graduate program advisor and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies by the end of the first semester of Graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
2. Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

Clinical Program Requirements

The Master of Athletic Training Program's philosophy is that each student must be continually and actively involved in every aspect of the clinical program in order to learn, apply, and appreciate the art and science of athletic training.

The standards are rigorous. Students must attend all clinical experience and rotation assignments to observe and demonstrate patient-centered care in collaboration with other healthcare professionals. Preceptors record clinical participation information as part of the student's progression/retention and graduation requirement documentation.

Note. It is imperative that the student understands that only directly supervised clinical experiences by a preceptor will count towards the clinical education requirements. The preceptor will be on site with the ability to intervene on behalf of the athletic training student when working with a patient. At no time should it be the responsibility of the student to cover teams or facilities, if unsupervised. (*Complete clinical program requirements can be found at <https://www.uco.edu/programs/jcgs/ceps/master-of-science-in-athletic-training>.)*

Note: The amounts of all fees are subject to change. In preparation for graduation, students must obtain correct fee amounts from their graduate program advisor.

Graduation Requirements

1. Meet all University and Graduate College requirements.
2. Complete all Master of Athletic Training Program academic requirements.
3. Earn a "B" or better in each Master of Athletic Training Program major course.
4. Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher with no more than six hours of "C" and no more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
5. Meet all clinical program requirements of Master of Athletic Training Program.