

# ATHLETIC TRAINING (MASTERS IN ATHLETIC TRAINING)

The Master's in Athletic Training Program is designed to produce scholarly healthcare practitioners that excel in the areas of leadership, education, and service in all aspects of life. Program graduates will be committed to continuous patient-centered care and advocacy within their community using evidence-based practices within their chosen arena.

The MAT is a 2-year (six consecutive semesters – fall, spring, summer, fall, spring, summer) cohort program with a highly competitive admissions process. Student cohorts will be admitted once a year, for a Fall semester start date.

## Application Deadlines

To be considered for admission into the JSU Masters in Athletic Training program, applications must be submitted via Athletic Training Centralized Application System (ATCAS) by using the following link: <https://atcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>

Students applying to the JSU Masters in Athletic Training program may submit an application in their senior year of undergraduate studies or upon completion of undergraduate degree. For priority admission consideration, all application materials must be submitted via ATCAS prior to February 15; the final deadline to submit all application materials is April 15. Admitted applicants will begin the cohort program in the Fall semester only.

Date	Event
February 15	Priority Registration
April 15	Final Deadline

## Application Materials Required for the Masters in Athletic Training (MAT)

Applicants for the MAT must submit all of the following documentation through the ATCAS (<https://atcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>)

1. Official transcripts from the baccalaureate degree awarding institution and **all** transcripts from institutions where post-baccalaureate work has been completed. To be considered for admission, applicants must hold a degree from an institutionally accredited institution or its foreign equivalent.
2. Letters of Recommendation (2) – One letter must be from a Certified Athletic Trainer; the other letter must be from an academic professor.
3. Professional Resume
4. Completed Direct Observation Verification Form (Showing a minimum of 50 hours)
5. Letter of Interest and Professional Cover Letter
6. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants' section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.
7. Professional interview may be required.

## Admission Requirements for the Masters in Athletic Training (MAT)

Applicants are admitted to the MAT on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package by the MAT Selection Committee. Additionally, applicants must meet general admission requirements of the Graduate School. Preference will be given to applicants with an undergraduate major in fields such as Exercise Science and Wellness (ESW), Kinesiology, Physical Education, Biology, or closely related major. Applicants must meet the following admission requirements regardless of undergraduate major:

1. Overall minimum GPA of 2.75 (based on a 4.0 scale).
2. Applicants must submit proof of successful completion of the following prerequisite courses with a "C" or better:
  - General Biology (4 hours)
  - General Chemistry (4 hours)
  - Physics (4 hours)
  - Anatomy and Physiology 1 & 2 (8 hours)
  - Biomechanics (3 hours)
  - Exercise Physiology (3 hours)
  - Kinesiology (3 hours)
  - Psychology (3 hours)

Completion of prerequisite coursework is required to meet unconditional program admission. Prerequisite courses should be completed prior to starting the program. (Depending on the prerequisite deficiencies, students may be allowed to take courses during the first semester of program enrollment.)

## Unconditional Admission

To obtain unconditional admission to the MAT program, students must meet the following admission requirements:

- Overall undergraduate degree GPA of at least 2.75 on a 4.00 scale and completion of all prerequisite coursework.

## Conditional Admission

To obtain conditional admission to the MAT program students must meet one of the following admission requirements:

1. Applicants who fail to meet the 2.75 GPA requirement for unconditional admission may be eligible for conditional admission to the program with 104 quality points earned on the required prerequisite courses. Applicants who are granted conditional admission based on this requirement must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from the MAT program.
2. Applicants who meet the 2.75 GPA requirement for unconditional admission, but have not met prerequisite coursework may be eligible for conditional admission to the program.
3. POST Admission Requirements – Unconditional or conditional admission to the MAT program is provisional based on additional items that must be completed and received by JSU before the first day of class. Please see Master's in Athletic Training Handbook.

## Progression and Retention

After students have been formally accepted into the Master's in Athletic Training Program at Jacksonville State University, the athletic training student must maintain a 3.00 GPA. If the GPA falls below a 3.00, a student

will be placed on academic probation per policy of the Graduate School. All students should refer to their respective course syllabus and Master's in Athletic Training Handbook regarding specific information about grading policies and procedures.

A maximum of 6 graduate credit hours with a grade of "C" may be counted toward degree completion and graduation. A student earning a "C" or lower over 6 credit hours will be dismissed from the MAT program and the Graduate School. Any student receiving a grade of "F" in any course may be dismissed from the program. Students who have been academically removed from the program and wish to re-enter the program, **must** follow the Appeal process outlined in the Graduate Catalog. A student must be re-admitted to the program through the appeal process. If a student earns an incomplete ("I"), the student may not commence a new academic semester until any grade of Incomplete ("I") is successfully resolved.

graduate. Please see the Graduation and Comprehensive Exam (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-comprehensive-exam/>) section of this catalog for more information.

## Minimum Requirements for the Masters in Athletic Training

Course	Title	Credits
AT 512	Foundational Concepts of Athletic Training	3
AT 513	Emergency Care	3
AT 515	Therapeutic Interventions I	2
AT 517	Physical Exam I	3
AT 518	Physical Exam I Lab	1
AT 523	Medical Documentation and Informatics	2
AT 525	Therapeutic Interventions II	2
AT 526	Clinical Education I	2
AT 527	Physical Exam II	3
AT 528	Physical Exam Lab II	1
AT 535	Therapeutic Interventions III	2
AT 536	Clinical Education II	2
AT 537	Physical Exam III	3
AT 538	Physical Exam Lab III	1
AT 542	Evidence-Based Practices: Implications in Athletic Training	2
AT 546	Clinical Education III	3
AT 550	Medical Conditions	3
AT 553	Athletic Training Ethics and Administration	3
AT 556	Clinical Education IV	2
AT 562	Health Promotions & Wellness	2
AT 566	Clinical Education V	2
HPE 539	Diet and Performance	3
HPE 537	Diversity Issues and Trends in Wellness and Sport Studies	3
HPE 590	Directed Studies in Wellness and Sports Studies	3
NU 544	Statistical Methods in Health Care	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>59</b>

**59 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

## Graduation and Comprehensive Exam

No comprehensive exam is required for this degree. All students must apply for graduation (<http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>) by the given deadline of the semester (<http://www.jsu.edu/registrar/academic-calendar/>) in which they plan to