

# Master of Athletic Training Program

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is the accreditation status of the MAT program?

- The TTUHSC MAT program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), 2201 Double Creek Drive, Suite 5006, Round Rock, TX 78664, (512)733-9700. (<http://www.caate.net>)

### 2. What are the prerequisites for the MAT program?

- Required prerequisite courses for the MAT program are:
  - Anatomy & Physiology (6-8 hours)
  - Exercise Physiology (3 hours)
  - Kinesiology/Biomechanics (3 hours)
  - Nutrition (3 hours)
  - Statistics (3 hours)
  - Proof of Emergency Cardiac Care Certification (ECCC) from an approved provider
  - First Aid from an approved provider
- Recommended prerequisite courses for the MAT program are:
  - General Physics (3 hours)
  - General Chemistry (3 hours)
- A minimum cumulative and prerequisite 2.7 GPA
- A four-year college degree is necessary prior to the start of classes.
- A minimum of 50 hours of volunteer or observation under the supervision of an athletic trainer is **required**.
  - This is to ensure applicants have a true understanding of the athletic training profession and the day to day responsibilities and duties of a practicing athletic trainer.
- The following information must be provided prior to a student's matriculation in the MAT program.
  - completed health evaluation by an appropriate healthcare provider
  - completed Essential Functions/Technical Standards form
  - proof of completion of required Immunizations

### 3. What is Emergency Cardiac Care Certification (ECCC)?

Emergency Cardiac Care must include the following: adult & pediatric CPR, airway obstruction, 2nd rescuer CPR, AED and barrier devices (e.g., pocket mask, bag valve mask). Examples of courses that provide the above certifications are: Professional Rescuer + AED by the American Red Cross or BLS Healthcare Provider CPR + AED by the American Heart Association. Providers are those adhering to the standards of the International Guidelines 2000 for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiac Care.

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### 4. How do I apply for the MAT program?

Applications are accepted and reviewed twice a year (October & February). Currently applications are available from the TUHSC School of Allied Health Sciences Website. (<http://www.tuhsc.edu/students/prospective/application.aspx>) Completed applications must be submitted online along with all required materials (letters of recommendation, immunization records, volunteer/observation verification, transcripts, etc). Complete applications are then reviewed by the MAT Admissions Committee and qualified applicants are invited for an interview (on-campus or telephone). At the completion of the interview process successful applicants are notified of their selection for admission into the MAT program beginning the following May. Fall applicants not selected for admission during the early acceptance period are re-considered during the traditional spring acceptance period.

### 5. How many students are accepted each year?

Currently we accept 28 students each year.

### 6. What if I am an out-of-state student?

Equal consideration is given to in-state, out-of-state, and international students. We have had students from across the country & world in the MAT program.

### 7. Where is the MAT program housed?

TTUHSC is a multi-campus system. Currently, the Athletic Training program is housed on the Lubbock campus only. All students admitted to the MAT program will attend classes in Lubbock, Texas.

### 8. When do classes start?

New student orientation is the Tuesday after Memorial Day each year. Classes begin the next day. New students enter the MAT program only during the summer.

### 9. What should I get my Bachelor's degree in if I want to apply to the TTUHSC Master of Athletic Training Program?

As long as you meet the prerequisite coursework, your degree can be in anything. We strongly suggest you consider obtaining your teaching credential as most of the high school athletic training positions require a teaching credential. Other common choices are kinesiology, biology, exercise science, and exercise physiology.

### 10. What type of patients do students work with during the program?

Each student completes a minimum of four clinical experiences while in the MAT program. Each experience will provide exposure to a different athletic training environment and type/level of patient. Students will experience college, high school and clinic environments through a variety of sites in the Lubbock area.

### 11. Do you have GA positions available or can I work while completing the program?

Graduate Assistant positions with local clinics are available, but almost impossible to maintain with the full-time academic and clinical experience schedule. Holding down a part-time job may be possible, but remember, this is a full-time, rigorous, master's degree program.

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### 12. Do I have to take the GRE?

- GRE scores are **not required** for application or admission to the MAT program.

### 13. Where do MAT program graduates find employment?

- MAT graduates are working, or have worked, in the following settings
  - NBA (San Antonio Spurs)
  - NFL (Tennessee Titans, Atlanta Falcons, Seattle Seahawks)
  - NFL – Europe (Berlin Thunder)
  - Professional Baseball (Colorado Rockies organization, Oakland A's organization)
  - USOC (United States Olympic Committee)
  - NCAA Division I, II and III Institutions (Including the Big 12, Pac-10 & SEC)
  - NAIA Schools
  - Various High Schools and Clinics across Texas and the United States
  - Sales (athletic training related equipment, surgical supplies, etc.)

### 14. What is the typical schedule during a given semester?

Typically, students attend classes in the morning and spend the afternoons at their assigned Clinical Experiences. The time commitment and schedule for clinical experiences will vary depending on the site and clinical instructor assigned to the student in a given semester.

### 15. How much does it cost per semester? What is the average tuition rate?

- The average in-state tuition is approximately \$3000 per semester
- The average out-of-state tuition is approximately \$7500 per semester
- Out-of-state/International students who receive a competitive institutional scholarship of at least \$1000 from TTUHSC are eligible for in-state tuition. If awarded this type of scholarship it is for academic merit and is not generally a renewable scholarship.
- Expenses (i.e. travel, bags, clothing, Criminal Background Check, etc.) associated with clinical experiences are the responsibility of the student.

### 16. Are there scholarships available?

- The MAT program has limited scholarship dollars available to incoming students. These scholarships are based primarily on academic performance.
- The School of Allied Health Sciences (SOAHS) and TTUHSC have scholarships for current students. Information on these scholarships is available from the SOAHS Office of Admissions (see the final page of this document for contact information).
- Additional Financial Aid information is available from the TTUHSC Office of Financial Aid (see the final page of this document for contact information).

### 17. What does the curriculum look like?

Please refer to the MAT program website <http://www.ttuhsc.edu/sah/> or the School of Allied Health Sciences Catalog available from the School of Allied Health Sciences Office of Admissions for a semester-by-semester breakdown of courses.

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### 18. What do you look for in applicants or those accepted into the program?

The MAT Admissions Committee is committed to finding the best students each year. The primary focus is to find students who will succeed academically, and who have a strong understanding of and a commitment to the profession of athletic training. This does not mean that all successful applicants have hours of experience in the field of athletic training, however, they do have a love of the profession and an accurate understanding of what it means to be an athletic trainer.

Fulfillment of the basic admissions requirements does not guarantee admission. Acceptance into the MAT program is based on a rank-order scoring system calculated from grade point average (cumulative and prerequisite courses), completion of all prerequisite courses, completion of a Bachelor's degree, athletic training observation/experience (optional), essay (grammar, career goals, understanding of the AT profession), letters of recommendation and interviews (professional and academic) scores. Approximately 28 full-time students will be admitted into the MAT program each year.

### 19. Is the admissions process very competitive?

The admissions process is extremely competitive. Qualified applicants not admitted to the program may be put on an alternate list, should spots become available prior to the last week of May.

### 20. Where can I find additional information?

The TTUHSC School of Allied Health Sciences Office of Admissions can provide you with printed brochures, applications, and more. Additionally, most information is available on the School of Allied Health Sciences Website (<http://www.ttuhs.edu/SAH/>).

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