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Abbreviations Used in This Catalog

- M.S.—Master of Science
- M.S.A.T.—Master of Science in Athletic Training
- M.S.Ed.—Master of Science in Education

The Graduate School

Graduate Programs

College of Education

Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education

Master of Science in Athletic Training (M.S.A.T.)

Master of Science

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Examinations Required for Admission

Graduate Record Examinations (GRE)

In order to be admitted to the Graduate School, applicants to the following programs are exempt from the GRE:

- Performer's Certificate (exempt);
- Master of Science in Athletic Training (exempt);
- Master of Science in Kinesiology and Physical Education (exempt);

Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education

Master of Science in Athletic Training

The degree in athletic training reflects the requirements of the Commission on the Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, and students who want to sit for the Board of Certification (BOC) examination must complete this degree. Admission to the athletic training program is competitive and limited. University admission does not necessarily constitute eligibility for admission into this degree program.

Retention in the program requires an overall NIU GPA of 3.00. Students enrolled in the program may be dismissed from the program for academic reasons or for unprofessional behavior or actions that threaten the health and safety of others. The Athletic Training Student Handbook describes the policies of the program. Students are required to adhere to all current policies and procedures. Refer to the program website for additional information, including program deadlines.

Admission

To be considered for admission to the M.S.A.T program, an applicant must be admitted to Graduate School at NIU and have completed the following baccalaureate course work:

- Human anatomy and physiology (8 semester hours preferred, 4 semester hours mixed course minimum)
- Medical terminology
- Biomechanics/kinesiology
- Exercise physiology
- Personal health and wellness
- Human nutrition
- First aid/CPR for the Professional Rescuer Certification required
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- Psychology or sport psychology

Applications must complete a limited admissions application, which will include a letter of interest, resume, three letters of recommendation, minimum of 50 observation hours with a BOC certified athletic trainer within the last 10 months prior to application, transcripts, and syllabi for all prerequisite courses. Qualified applicants will undergo a pre-admission interview. The GRE is not required for admission. Applicants will be ranked based on their overall GPA, the GPA of their prerequisite coursework, letters of recommendation, and interview performance.

Students will be required to undergo criminal background checks in order to be placed at clinical experience sites. If the student has a prior criminal record, he or she may not be able to complete the program or required courses.

Program Requirements

- KNAT 500 - Principles of Athletic Injury and Illness Management and Emergency Care (3)
- KNAT 502 - Clinical Physical Examination and Diagnosis in Athletic Training I (3)
- KNAT 503 - Clinical Physical Examination and Diagnosis Lab I (3)
- KNAT 504 - Clinical Physical Examination and Diagnosis in Athletic Training II (3)
- KNAT 505 - Clinical Physical Examination and Diagnosis Lab II (3)
- KNAT 515 - Special Topics and Culminating Experience in Athletic Training (3)
- KNAT 519 - Athletic Training Clinical Administration (3)
- KNAT 520 - Integrated Therapeutic Interventions in Athletic Training I (3)
- KNAT 521 - Integrated Therapeutic Interventions in Athletic Training Lab I (3)
- KNAT 522 - Integrated Therapeutic Interventions in Athletic Training II (3)
- KNAT 523 - Integrated Therapeutic Interventions in Athletic Training Lab II (3)
- KNAT 550 - Research Methods and Evidence Based Practice in Athletic Training (3)
- OR other graduate-level course in research methods and evidence based practice with approval of graduate program adviser
- KNAT 551 - Athletic Training Clinical Experience I (3)
- KNAT 552 - Athletic Training Clinical Experience II (3)
- KNAT 553 - Immersive Athletic Training Clinical Experience I (4)
- KNAT 556 - Immersive Athletic Training Clinical Experience II (4)
- KNAT 650 - Directed Research and Applied Evidence Based Practice in Athletic Training (3)