ATHLETIC TRAINING, B.S.

HOW TO GET IN

Admissions to the Athletic Training B.S. have been suspended as of fall 2019 and will be discontinued as of fall 2022. If you have any questions, please contact the department.

PROGRAM ADMISSION OVERVIEW

Applications are no longer being accepted to the undergraduate Athletic Training program. The information included in the Guide is provided as a resource for admitted students.

In May of 2015, the AT Strategic Alliance released an official statement recommending the elevation of the professional (http://caate.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Strategic-Alliance-CCATE-email-pdf.pdf) degree for athletic training to the master’s level. Consequently, the UW–Madison AT Program has suspended admission to the undergraduate AT program and is transitioning the professional preparation program to a new master’s degree. Pending approval, students will first enroll in the new master’s degree program in the summer of 2021. Contact the kinesiology department (kines@education.wisc.edu) for additional information.

Admission to the Athletic Training Degree Program is limited and competitive. Students must meet the minimum eligibility requirements outlined below to be considered for selection. Most students apply for admission during their sophomore year. Students are admitted to the program only once a year, effective for the summer following admission. Once admitted, students usually take two years to complete the professional part of the AT degree program.

ENTERING THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

NEW & CURRENT UW–MADISON STUDENTS

New freshmen and transfer students interested in athletic training are admitted directly to the School of Education with a “pre-professional” classification. This classification indicates that a student is interested in a program offered by the school, but has not applied and been admitted to the professional program. Students interested in the athletic training degree program or the exercise and movement science degree program within Kinesiology receive a classification of PKN. This classification indicates that a student is interested in one (or both) of these programs, but has not applied and been admitted to the professional part of the undergraduate program.

On-campus students wishing to be admitted to the School while working on eligibility requirements and application can apply for admission to the School of Education by completing a Pre-Professional Application (http://www.education.wisc.edu/soe/academics/undergraduate-students/academic-program-admission/). A minimum GPA of 2.5, based on UW–Madison coursework, is required to transfer into the School. This GPA may be modified by the Last 60 Credits rule (detailed below (p. 3)). It is not necessary to be a “pre-professional” student before applying to a professional program. Admission as a “pre-professional” student does not guarantee admission to the professional program.

It is strongly recommended that students interested in a School of Education program meet with an academic advisor in Education Academic Services (EAS), 139 Education Building, 1000 Bascom Mall. Students may call 608-262-1651 to schedule an appointment with an advisor.

PROSPECTIVE TRANSFER STUDENTS

Applicants not already enrolled on the UW–Madison campus must be admissible to the University to enroll in a School of Education program. Admission to UW–Madison requires a separate application and admission process. See UW–Madison Office of Admissions and Recruitment (http://admissions.wisc.edu/) for application information. Prospective transfer students are strongly advised to meet with an Education Academic Services advisor in advance of their application; to schedule, call 608-262-1651.

STUDENTS WITH A PREVIOUS DEGREE

Prospective applicants who already hold an undergraduate degree are strongly encouraged to meet with an Education Academic Services advisor in advance of their application. Consultations with advisors are available in person or via telephone; to schedule, call 608-262-1651.

Applicants who already hold an undergraduate degree are admitted to the School of Education as either an Education Special student or a second degree student, depending on their interests and academic background. Admission as an Education Special student indicates that the student has an interest in pursuing certification in a subject area studied during the initial degree; another degree is not awarded for this “certification only” coursework. Second degree students are seeking a second, unrelated degree from the School of Education, which may, or may not, include teacher certification. Candidates for limited enrollment programs must meet all admission eligibility requirements for the program and must compete with the eligible applicants for program admission. More information is available here (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/#policiesandregulations-text).

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

Prospective applicants must complete prerequisite coursework for eligibility and should make progress toward meeting the School of Education’s Liberal Studies requirements. Students are admitted only once a year, effective for the summer following admission. Once admitted, students in Athletic Training typically spend two-and-a-half years completing remaining coursework.

Professional program applicants not already enrolled on the UW–Madison campus must be admissible to the University to enroll in a School of Education professional program. Thus, program admission is contingent upon admission to the campus. Admission to UW–Madison requires a separate application and admission process. See Office of Admissions and Recruitment (http://www.admissions.wisc.edu) for application information.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

Requirements and selection criteria may be modified from one application/admission period to the next. Potential applicants should consult the School of Education’s Apply to a Program (http://www.education.wisc.edu/soe/academics/undergraduate-students/academic-program-admission/) page for application deadlines and
detailed information regarding current eligibility requirements and selection criteria prior to submitting an application.

To be eligible for admission, applicants must:

- complete at least 54 credits of college coursework by the end of the spring semester of the application year.
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<td>First Aid and Basic Life Support</td>
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<td>Techniques in Athletic Training</td>
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4 Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers certification or CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers certification may substitute for the CPR/AED portion of KINES 116. First Aid certification may substitute for the first aid portion of KINES 116. Students possessing current certifications may submit documentation and request a waiver of KINES 116. Students must present both certifications (CPR/AED and first aid) to exempt from the class.

- Athletic Training Experience—Complete a minimum of twenty (20) total hours of volunteer or observation experiences in athletic training. Students must gain experience in at least two different locations. Each experience must be a minimum of (10) hours in length. Documentation of the experience (forms signed by certified athletic trainers) must be submitted along with application materials by the application deadline.

- complete these additional prerequisite courses by the end of the spring semester of the application year:

1 Students who take this course at UW–Madison or transfer it from another campus must complete both BIOLOGY/BOTANY/ZOOLOGY 151 and BIOLOGY/BOTANY/ZOOLOGY 152 to be eligible for admission and to complete the degree requirements.

2 Credit awarded for BIOLOGY/BOTANY/ZOOLOGY 151 via an AP Biology exam score of 4 or 5 fulfills the entire eligibility requirement for admission & the degree requirements.

3 Credit awarded for BIOLOGY/BOTANY/ZOOLOGY 151 via an IB Biology exam score of 4 or 5 fulfills the entire eligibility requirement for admission & the degree requirements.

- complete all but two of the prerequisite courses listed above by the end of the fall semester of the application year. **Exception:** Students enrolled in BIOLOGY/BOTANY/ZOOLOGY 152 during the spring semester of the application year may have this course and up to two additional prerequisites above in progress during the spring semester of the application year. For this purpose, CHEM 109 satisfies the full general chemistry requirement but constitutes one course. BIOLOGY/ZOOLOGY 101 and BIOLOGY/BOTANY/ZOOLOGY 152 are counted as two courses in determining eligibility for the program.

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<td>Introductory Biology and Introductory Biology</td>
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<td>Evolution, Ecology, and Genetics and Evolution, Ecology, and Genetics Laboratory</td>
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Last 60 Credits Rule
Two grade point averages will be calculated to determine candidates’ eligibility to programs. GPAs will be calculated using:

- all transferable college level coursework attempted, and
- the last 60 credits attempted.

The higher GPA of these two will be used for purposes of determining eligibility. If fewer than 60 credits have been attempted, all credits will be used to calculate the GPA. Graded graduate coursework will also be used in all GPA calculations. (“Attempted” coursework indicates coursework for which a grade has been earned.) More information on this rule is available here (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/#policiesandregulations).

APPLICATION REVIEW AND SELECTION
Applicants to the Athletic Training Degree Program will compete for an identified number of admission openings assigned to this program. Each application will be reviewed by at least two academic faculty or staff from the Admissions Committee. Each committee member will independently examine and rate applicants’ files on a scale of 1 (do not accept) to 5 (definitely accept) based on the criteria above. Committee members will then share and discuss their ratings and select the final cohort for admission.

The Admissions Committee will review application files with four key areas in mind:

- **Academic Qualifications.** The athletic training program seeks students with strong academic credentials. This includes cumulative undergraduate grade point average (GPA), course selection and trend of college grades.
- **Goals.** The required personal statement provides an opportunity for students to express their reasons for studying kinesiology and can provide insight into the student’s long-term goals.
- **Recommendation Letters.** Thoughtful letters from teachers or employers addressing the student's interest and experience are beneficial to the selection process. Recommendation letters should provide information about a student's intellect, imagination, or diligence that is not evident in other parts of the application.
- **Other Contributions.** The athletic training program seeks students whose diverse work experience, life experience, stated goals, and cultural background are assets to the learning environment in the program.

PROVISIONAL ADMISSION
Students will be provisionally accepted in April. The offer of admission will be revoked and the student withdrawn from fall Kinesiology courses (typically during July) if any of the following requirements are not met:

- All prerequisite courses completed by the end of the spring semester of the application year.
- Maintenance of a cumulative GPA or last 60-credit GPA of at least 2.75.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS
The Athletic Training Degree Program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison is a rigorous and intensive program that places specific requirements and demands on the students enrolled in the program. For this reason the program has established Technical Standards for program completion.

Students must document that they are in compliance with the program's Technical Standards as a condition of accepting program admission. Students who feel they are not in compliance with the above standards are encouraged to seek evaluation and assistance from the McBurney Disability Resource Center.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION
Criminal background investigations will be conducted for all students admitted to this program. Detailed instructions on how to complete the required criminal background check will be included in offers of admission. This is not completed until after an applicant has been offered admission.

Results of criminal background checks may be shared with other agencies when required by state code, or with a cooperating school or other agency in which the student has been assigned to complete field experiences. Students should be aware that criminal background checks may be initiated by other agencies or organizations when they are seeking employment or a professional license. Field site administrators have the right to determine the appropriateness of a student placement.

An individual who is deemed ineligible to participate in field or clinical experiences based on the results of their background check may not be able to complete the requirements for their degree or certification. Students with questions about these processes should contact the academic dean in Education Academic Services.

ADVISING AFTER ADMISSION
Included with the offer of admission is information about mandatory spring orientation sessions for new majors, led by a departmental advisor. Sequencing of coursework and enrollment in Kinesiology courses will be addressed at these meetings. Students will be authorized to enroll in Kinesiology courses after the orientation meetings are completed. Upon formal admission to the program, advising about the major will be provided by the Department of Kinesiology. Majors are required to meet with the departmental advisor at least once per semester. All questions about School of Education and University requirements should be referred to an advisor in Education Academic Services.