

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

A.T. Still University

Home of the world's first osteopathic medical school, founded in 1892, A.T. Still University is a renowned healthcare education and training university and a leading educator in multidisciplinary whole-person healthcare. ATSU's schools include the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCOM), the School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona (SOMA), the Arizona School of Health Sciences (ASHS), the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health (ASDOH), and the online School of Health Management (SHM).

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The Master of Science degree program in Athletic Training is a post-professional, two-year residential curriculum for healthcare professionals certified as athletic trainers by the Board of Certification (BOC), or individuals who have met all eligibility requirements to sit for the BOC certification examination prior to matriculation. The post-professional Athletic Training Program is different from entry-level programs in purpose, design, and content. The Athletic Training Program is designed to expand the depth and breadth of the applied, experiential, and propositional knowledge and skills of entry-level certified athletic trainers, expand the athletic training body of knowledge, and to disseminate new knowledge in the discipline.

The purpose of the Athletic Training program is to prepare post-professional athletic trainers with compassion, integrity and advanced abilities in physical examination and diagnosis, orthopaedic rehabilitation, and pediatric athletic training, in a manner that emphasizes professionalism, evidence-based practice, clinical outcomes assessment, and healthcare technology, thus enabling them to provide patient-centered whole person healthcare.

Athletic Training Program Points of Distinctiveness

The Athletic Training program is developed around three points of distinctiveness which are related to the faculty expertise; academic courses; and the program's clinical, administrative, teaching, and research components

1. Advanced knowledge and clinical practice skills in physical examination and diagnosis, orthopaedic rehabilitation, and pediatric athletic training.
2. The provision of patient-centered whole person healthcare services emphasizing evidence-based clinical practice, clinical outcomes assessment, and healthcare informatics.
3. Professionalism as a healthcare provider with knowledge of key healthcare dynamics in the United States and advanced knowledge and skills in athletic training leadership, administration, and management.

The Athletic Training Program achieves its stated purpose, points of distinctiveness, and outcomes, through three distinct, yet interrelated components, which includes a comprehensive curriculum, advanced practice program consisting of both clinical education and professional experiences, and a research experience.

Graduate Athletic Training Assistantships

The Athletic Training Program sponsors a variety of funded graduate assistantship opportunities for BOC certified and Arizona Board of Athletic Training state licensed athletic trainers. Funding for graduate assistantships ranges from approximately \$8000 to \$16,000 annually, and include high school and collegiate settings. Traditional tuition waivers are not available. Assignment of graduate assistantships is competitive and based upon previous work experience, academic achievement, professional letters of recommendation, and current availability of graduate assistant positions and funding. Only applicants who have been officially accepted into the Athletic Training Program will be considered for graduate assistantship positions. Interested applicants are encouraged to complete the admissions process early.

Requirements for Admission

1. Candidates accepted for admission will have earned a baccalaureate degree prior to enrollment.
2. Applicants must demonstrate Board of Certification (BOC) certification as an athletic trainer or completion of all eligibility requirements to sit for the BOC certification examination prior to matriculation.
3. Applicants must have achieved a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA (on a 4.00 scale).

4. Students are expected to be computer literate and experienced in word processing. All curricula require extensive computer usage. Accepted applicants are required to have a laptop computer prior to the first day of class.
5. Students must obtain and maintain CPR certification. Verification must be submitted to ASHS prior to enrollment.
6. Applicants are required to submit official GRE scores. Any scores older than three years prior to matriculation year will not be accepted. The GRE code for ASHS is 3743. There is no department code.
7. Applicants must secure references from: 1) academic advisor, professor, employer, family friend or minister, and 2) a healthcare professional. Letters from an educational consulting service will not qualify. Letters for reference must be submitted for each application year.
8. Applicants must submit two copies of a personal resume. Guidelines are offered in the application instructions.
9. Applicants who wish to be considered for more than one program must submit a separate application and fee, official GRE scores, transcripts, and references for each health sciences program. Acceptance to ASHS is to a specific program and is not transferable to any other program. Application materials are not transferable from one application year to another.
10. Applicants are required to submit all official college or academic transcripts.
11. Prerequisite courses:
 - Human anatomy and Human Physiology – One year lecture and lab, minimum of 6 semester/6 quarter hours
 - English – Two courses of composition, grammar/literature, minimum of 6 semester/6 quarter hours
 - Humanities — Two courses (philosophy, religion, literature, fine arts, logic, ethics, foreign language, etc.), minimum of 6 semester/6 quarter hours

Application Information

The Athletic Training Program operates on a rolling admissions basis. Applications are accepted beginning in August and all applications are considered until class openings are filled. Requests for information regarding the Athletic Training Program, including requests for application materials to A. T. Still University, should be directed to:

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Note: Information is subject to change. Please visit www.atstu.edu for the most current information.

Tuition and Expenses

2009-2010 tuition for the Athletic Training Program is \$18,845 annually. All students are assessed an additional educational supply fee of \$1,050 annually. Tuition and fees are subject to change.

Financial Assistance

Financial support, including private and federal loans, is available for students accepted into the Athletic Training Program at the Arizona School of Health Sciences. The Student Financial Assistance Office assists students in developing a comprehensive financial assistance package based on individual needs. Requests for information regarding loans and other financial assistance should be directed to financialaid@atsu.edu.

Accreditation

ATSU is accredited through The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602, phone 800.621.7440. ASHS's Athletic Training Program is accredited through The National Athletic Trainers Association, 2952 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75247, phone 800.879.6282.

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