

Athletic Training, MS

Admission

Admission to the Master of Science program is competitive with a limited number of students admitted for each cohort. Applicants are expected to meet technical standards, pass a background check, and comply with health and safety standards, including vaccination requirements. Students are required to provide their own transportation to all clinical experiences and are responsible for all costs they incur during travel, including parking and gas.

To be considered for the Master of Science program in athletic training, applicants must:

- have completed a BA or BS degree at an accredited institution in the United States, or have completed a bachelor's degree from a Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer International Arrangement (IA) country;
- have completed 30 s.h. at the University of Iowa if a transfer student;
- complete 80 s.h. of undergraduate coursework at the University of Iowa if an Undergraduate to Graduate (U2G) student;
- have a cumulative undergraduate grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.00 or a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 in the Undergraduate to Graduate (U2G) combined program; and
- complete or be in progress with required prerequisite coursework with a grade of C or higher in biology, chemistry, physics, human anatomy, human physiology, exercise physiology, general psychology, biomechanics or kinesiology, nutrition, and statistics or research methods (see the course list that follows).

To apply, submit the following to the Athletic Training Centralized Application Service (ATCAS):

- official and unofficial transcripts;
- contact information of two references, one from a medical professional and one from an academic professional;
- statement of purpose and career goals; and
- current CPR certification obtained within one year—must be Basic Life Support (BLS) or professional rescuer level.

Recommended materials:

- Coursework in medical terminology, introductory coursework in athletic training, public health, motor learning, or additional psychology coursework.
- Observation hours under an athletic trainer.

Community college coursework is accepted as well as online coursework from accredited universities. AP and CLEP coursework may satisfy course requirements if listed on a college transcript.

Students must earn a grade of C or higher in these prerequisite courses.

| Course # | Title | Hours |
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| | Biology (preferred human biology; with or without lab) | 3 |
| | Biomechanics or kinesiology | 3 |
| | Chemistry (with or without lab) | 3 |
| | Exercise physiology | 3 |

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| Human anatomy (may be taken combined with human physiology; two semesters minimum, if combined) | 3 |
| Human physiology (may be taken combined with human anatomy; two semesters minimum, if combined) | 3 |
| Nutrition (general or sport) | 3 |
| Physics (with or without lab) | 3 |
| Psychology (general psychology is required; additional psychology coursework recommended) | 3 |
| Statistics or research methods | 3 |

Applications will be forwarded to the Graduate College by the program director. Students will be notified to set up a University of Iowa account and pay the supplemental fee (\$60 if offered an interview; \$100 for international students).

Applications are reviewed immediately upon submission. Interested students should submit their application materials as soon as possible to ensure a spot is available. Priority admission deadline is Dec. 1 with a standard admission deadline of March 1. Following the March 1 deadline, applications will be accepted continuously until program capacity is met. A waitlist will be used once the cohort is full. A virtual interview is required. Coursework begins during the summer session.

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College; see the Manual of Rules and Regulations on the Graduate College website.

If formally admitted, students must:

- submit to a background check;
- complete HIPAA and BBP training;
- complete the program technical standards form;
- submit current vaccination records;
- submit current physical examination; and
- provide final course grades and GPA.

These additional forms will be sent directly to the program director upon acceptance.

Admission Deferral Policy

In rare cases, a student may need to defer their admission to the program. These requests will be approved on a case-by-case basis by the program director. The one-time option to defer is good for up to one year beyond the original matriculation date. A student does not have to pay the Graduate College application fee again if they opt to defer. An applicant's data will be transferred to the new session through the graduate admissions office only at the request/approval of the program director. Depending on the situation, the student may need to submit additional/repeat application documents.