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) institution;
- 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;
- submit a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score (only the iBT—Internet-Based Test is accepted with a total score of 93 and a speaking score of 26) and the test must have been taken within the last two years, or submit a current acceptable score from the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or from the Duolingo English Test (DET) if an international applicant and if English is not student's first language;
- 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 (see list below).

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.

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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).

All application materials are due by Feb. 1. Following the Feb. 1 deadline, applications will be accepted on a continuing basis until program capacity is met. 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.