ATHLETIC TRAINING - MASTER OF SCIENCE

(Code 995-801)

INTRODUCTION

To be considered for admission, an applicant must meet the following minimal criteria:

1. an overall GPA of 3.0 at application with a BS/BA degree from a regionally accredited university completed prior to matriculating into the program; and
2. the following courses must be completed with a letter grade of C or better earned and documented on official transcripts prior to matriculating into the program:
   a. Two semesters of: Anatomy and Physiology w/lab
   b. One semester of: General Chemistry w/lab
   c. One semester of: General Psychology
   d. One semester of: General Physics
   e. One semester of: Biomechanics
   f. One semester of: Exercise Physiology
   g. One semester of: Statistics; and
3. Three (3) letters of recommendation - at least one letter must be from an instructor/professor. The letter must testify to integrity (i.e. professionalism, communication skills, work ethic) of the student; and
4. International students must meet the English Language Test score requirements as listed on the Admissions-Graduate Student web page (https://www.uwec.edu/admissions/graduate/) -- See International Graduate Application Process; and
5. Documentation of a minimum of 50 hours of observation completed under the direct supervision of a BOC certified and appropriately state licensed athletic trainer in a health care setting. 50 hours must be completed within one calendar year of application.

Application does not constitute acceptance into the program nor is acceptance guaranteed simply upon satisfactory completion of requirements. Admission requirements are weighted. Weighted criteria include overall GPA (35%), Anatomy/Physiology Grades (15%), GPA from Prerequisites (20%), evaluation of letter of recommendation (15%), and interview scores (15%). Exceptions to the requirements can be made on recommendation by the M.S. in Athletic Training Application Committee.

Admission Acceptance/Denial into the M.S. in Athletic Training: The M.S. in Athletic Training application process is a competitive process. A committee reviews completed graduate applications and selects applicants to interview. The committee will set up a time with the student to complete the interview process (video conference or in person). The committee will forward their recommendations regarding acceptance into the M.S. in Athletic Training to the Dean of Graduate Studies. All UW – Eau Claire Graduate Studies Policies will be followed accordingly.

Transfer Policy

Students who opt to transfer into this program must meet all UW - Eau Claire Graduate Studies and program requirements. The Athletic Training admissions committee will review all official transcripts to determine transfer eligibility of previous coursework.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students completing this program will be expected to meet the following learning outcomes:

• Practice independently as athletic trainers;
• Integrate research evidence, clinical expertise, and patient/client values and goals to provide safe and effective patient centered care;
• Employ moral, ethical, and legal behavior and decision-making during the practice of athletic training;
• Demonstrate effective communication, teamwork, and professionalism as part of the larger healthcare community.

The Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) Accelerated Plan allows qualified students to start taking courses in the approved master’s degree while finishing their bachelor’s degree in Exercise Science. Graduate course sequencing allows undergraduate students to complete their fourth year of the
Exercise Science major while completing the first-year coursework in the MSAT. This pathway allows students to apply to the Athletic Training program during their third year (junior) and complete the Master’s degree in Athletic Training in five years upon matriculation to UW-Eau Claire.

A student interested in the MSAT Accelerated plan should consult with academic advisors and the Program Director in Athletic Training and declare “pre-athletic training” as their course sequencing. A student will major in Exercise Science in the Department of Kinesiology and earn credits toward their Bachelor of Science degree. Upon successful completion of the fifth year in the MSAT program, a student would graduate with a Master of Science in Athletic Training degree and be eligible for the Board of Certification (BOC) Inc. national certification examination and state licensure as an entry-level athletic trainer.

To maintain good standing in the MSAT Accelerated Plan:

- Must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA in all graduate level coursework.
- Failure to maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA in graduate level coursework could risk discontinuation from the MSAT Accelerated Plan and/or prevent future acceptance to the MSAT degree program.
- Must earn a grade of C or better in all graduate level coursework. A graduate course grade below C will not be accepted to the MSAT degree program; grades below C will need to be repeated.

The following MSAT courses will fulfill degree requirements for both the Exercise Science Major and the MSAT Program:

**Exercise Science Undergraduate Course**

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