

# ATHLETIC TRAINING

The Master of Science in Athletic Training program is a two-year, 38 credit hour, master's degree, delivered via traditional, online, and hybrid formats.

The degree employs course content that focuses on the competencies needed to practice both the art and science of athletic training, leading to compassionate and exceptional care to meet the regional needs of western Colorado and beyond. In alignment with the mission of the Department of Kinesiology, the program emphasizes promoting wellness and physical activity across a diverse population of patients.

Students will learn the importance of self-care and fostering resilience and wellness in themselves, in order to extend better care to others.

There are two types of applicants for the MSAT program. The first type is the Traditional MSAT applicant with has earned an undergraduate degree. The second type of applicant has not yet earned their undergraduate degree and is currently enrolled at CMU in the BS Exercise Science program and may qualify to pursue the MSAT as part of a Bachelor degree 3+2 MSAT concurrent enrollment program.

## 1) Traditional applicants must meet the following minimum requirements for admission:

- Earned bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning
- Minimum overall GPA of 3.0 (on 4.0 scale)
- Minimum science GPA of 3.0 (on 4.0 scale)
  - Science GPA includes all courses with subject codes of Biology/ Zoology, Chemistry, and Physics

## Prerequisite Course Requirements

- The candidate must have completed the following prerequisites with a grade of C or higher
- All prerequisite coursework must be earned from a regionally accredited institution and be verifiable through official transcripts, or accepted by a U.S. equivalency reporting agency
- A single course cannot be used to meet multiple requirements
- All applicants must complete the required prerequisites
  - Five of the eight required prerequisites must be completed at the time of application
  - A plan to complete outstanding coursework must be documented in the application
  - Any outstanding prerequisites must be completed with a grade of "B" or higher
  - All transcripts for outstanding prerequisite coursework must be received by CMU no later than July 1
- Pre-requisite coursework (CMU equivalent)
  - Biology (BIOL 101/101L)
  - General Chemistry (CHEM 131/131L and 132/132L)
  - Physics (PHYS 100)
  - Psychology (PSYC 150)
  - Anatomy and Physiology (BIOL 209/209L and 210/210L)
  - Statistics (STATS 200)
  - Biomechanics (KINE 370/370L)
  - Nutrition (KINE 203)
  - Exercise Physiology (KINE 303/303L)

## Other Requirements

- Official transcripts from all college and university work
- Statement of intent
- Resume
- 2 letters of recommendation
- CASPer Exam
- CASPer Snapshot
- Note: Slight preferences are given to those applicants with ties to the western slope of Colorado.

## Other information

- We recommend that applicants obtain 150 hours of post-high school athletic training experience.
- The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is not required for admission to the Master of Science in Athletic Training Program.
- To be considered for an interview, all applicants for whom English is a second language must achieve a minimum score of 550 paper-based on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL; 213 on the computer-based tests or 79-80 on the internet-based test), within the past two years.
- Advanced placement will not be granted under any circumstance.
- All students who enter the program must fulfill all program requirements.

## 2) 3+2 applicants must meet the following minimum requirements for admission:

Applicants must meet the following criteria *in addition to all of the criteria for the MSAT program.*

- Declared Exercise Science major.
- Classified as a senior (i.e., at least 90 credit hours including hours in which student is currently enrolled and for which the student is registered for a future semester).
- At least a 3.0 overall GPA and must have at least a 3.0 GPA in courses in the student's declared major.
- A 3+2 Concurrent Enrollment application form to the MSAT Program Director.
- Submit to the MSAT Program Director how all remaining bachelor degree requirements and all MSAT requirements will be met in two years via the 3+2 Concurrent Enrollment application form.
- Complete the MSAT program admission process.

After admission into the Bachelor Degree 3+2 MSAT Concurrent Enrollment Program, the student:

- Must follow the two-year recommended course sequence for the MSAT course component.
- Must notify the MSAT Program Director immediately if justifiable life circumstances do not allow the student to complete both undergraduate and graduate programs within two years of admission into the program.
- Must complete ALL bachelor degree graduation requirements in the same semester or prior to completing all MSAT graduation requirements.
- Must submit the necessary paperwork to graduate with the bachelor degree to the Department of Kinesiology with a copy to the MSAT Program Director AND must submit the necessary paperwork to graduate with the MSAT and MSAT Program Director. This

requirement must be met before the published deadline in the semester prior to intended graduation.

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