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# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING

### **Program Overview**

The Athletic Training program is a professional program offered in the Department of Kinesiology, leading to a Master of Science in Athletic Training degree (MSAT).

Athletic trainers (ATs) are highly qualified, multi-skilled health care professionals who collaborate with physicians to provide preventative services, emergency care, clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions. Athletic trainers work under the direction of a physician as prescribed by state licensure statutes.

The MSAT program is a two-year (six-semesters), year-round program that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). Admission into the program is competitive. The MSAT program ensures the highest quality of education by offering collective learning experiences that enable the student to successfully challenge the Board of Certification examination and pursue numerous career paths as a certified athletic trainer. Certified athletic trainers gain employment in a variety of settings including but not limited to: high school/college athletic programs, professional sport programs, outpatient physical therapy/sports medicine clinics, industrial/corporate settings, and the US military.

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

#### **Program Accreditation**

Colorado Mesa University Master of Science in Athletic Training is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). The program earned a 5-year initial accreditation in February 2021 and holds the accreditation status of *Active-in good standing*.

## Requirements

The <u>Master of Science in Athletic Training</u> offers two options for admission. See the program below for complete overview of all requirements, important information, and suggested course sequencing.

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