



Pre-Athletic Training

Athletic Training is one of the fastest growing health care fields. In addition to working in high schools, colleges, and professional athletics, athletic trainers are now being hired by industries such as public safety, performing arts, and the military, to treat physically active individuals. Now is a great time to enter this profession.

There are multiple admission pathways into the Master of Athletic Training program at Norwich University. Students can apply with a completed bachelor's degree in any field of study but students in the health sciences and life sciences will find it easier to meet the pre-requisite course requirements. Students should maintain a gpa average near or above 2.75/4.00, acquire leadership skills, and complete multiple clinical observation experiences in athletic training to be competitive. Students apply through the **Athletic Training Centralized Application Service (ATCAS)** at atcas.liasoncas.org starting June 1 prior to their senior year. Apply early! A letter of recommendation from an athletic trainer or medical physician is required. Many students find it helpful to have an additional letter written by a college instructor or individual of the student's choosing.

The Master of Athletic Training program can be completed on an accelerated pathway when students pursue a degree in Health Sciences or Exercise Science. Doing so allows the student to complete their bachelor's and master's degrees in five years instead of six. Students choosing this pathway place their education and preparation for the field of athletic training as the highest priority. Development of a strong vocabulary and communication skills are just as important as the required coursework. Additional information about the profession from the **National Athletic Trainers' Association** can be found at NATA.org. Information about athletic training education programs and program accreditation from the **Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training** can be found at caate.net.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The following coursework is the minimum requirement of most athletic training programs.

Biology

BI 101/L Principles of Biology I w/Lab
 BI 215/L Anatomy and Physiology I w/Lab
 BI 216/L Anatomy and Physiology II w/Lab

Chemistry

CH 103/L General Chem. I w/Lab

Physics

PS 201/L General Physics I w/Lab

Math

MA 232 Elementary Statistics

Psychology

PY 211 Introduction to Psychology

Health and Human Performance

HHPR 365/L Kinesiology
 HHPR 301/L Physiology of Exercise
 HHPR 200 Nutrition

In addition to the courses listed above, athletic training programs will often require: Certification in Emergency Cardiac Care • Cover letter/personal statement/Resume • Verification of at least 30 clinical observation hours in the field • Letter of recommendation from a practicing athletic trainer

Information about Norwich's Master of Athletic Training program can be found at norwich.edu/programs/bs-to-mat.