

# ANDERSON UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM



## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Enrollment in the athletic training education program is limited and has a competitive application process. Students gain admission to the athletic training program through one of three options: Direct Admission, Early Admission, or Traditional Admission. For application deadlines please refer to the application process page on the MAT program website (<https://anderson.edu/academics/athletic-training/>).

### DIRECT ADMISSION

The Direct Admission option is designed for incoming freshmen who have declared the pre-athletic training concentration in conjunction with any undergraduate major. This option will inform your course selections throughout your undergraduate career to ensure completion of professional program prerequisite coursework. With acceptance into the Direct Admission process and fulfillment of all professional program criteria, you will be guaranteed admission into the Master of Athletic Training.

To be considered for the Direct Admission option, you must be admitted into any undergraduate degree program at Anderson University and meet the following:

- Cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
- 1 year of high school Biology with a grade of “C” or better
- 1 year of high school Chemistry with a grade of “C” or better
- 2 years of high school math with a grade of “C” or better
- Recommendation Letter

Once admitted to the Direct Admission option, students must meet the following academic standards and other requirements to keep guaranteed entry into the graduate program:

If following the Early Admission (3+2) Option, all undergraduate major and liberal arts requirements must be met before entering the graduate program, or if following the Traditional Admission (post-bachelor's degree) option, the bachelor's degree must be completed before entering the graduate program.

- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Prerequisite course GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Grade of "C" or higher in all prerequisite course work.
  - NOTE: Advanced Placement (AP) Credits are not accepted as prerequisites for the athletic training graduate program.
- Submit three recommendation letters, including one from a certified athletic trainer
- Submit a two page personal statement about your decision to pursue athletic training education
- Complete an interview with the athletic training program faculty/staff, if requested
- Complete a minimum of 30 observation hours must be from at least two different ATs.
- Read and sign program technical standards

### EARLY ADMISSION

The Early Admission (3+2) program is designed for incoming freshmen (or transfers meeting degree matriculation requirements) who are interested in an accelerated path toward the advanced degree and who want to earn their degree in five instead of six years. This option allows you to be granted permission to start athletic training coursework in your fourth year after the completion of all undergraduate and liberal arts requirements.

To qualify for this option, you must:

- Be enrolled in an Anderson University undergraduate program
- Have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Have a prerequisite course GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Grade of "C" or higher in all prerequisite course work.
  - NOTE: Advanced Placement (AP) Credits are not accepted as prerequisites for the athletic training graduate program.
- Submit a letter from your undergraduate advisor stating that all designated university liberal arts, major, and prerequisite courses will be completed prior to your fourth year of college
- Submit three recommendation letters, including one from a certified athletic trainer
- Submit a two page personal statement about your decision to pursue athletic training education
- Complete an interview with the athletic training program faculty/staff, if requested
- Complete a minimum of 30 observation hours must be from at least two different ATs.
- Provide any additional items of support
- Read and sign program technical standards

### **TRADITIONAL ADMISSION**

The two-year post-bachelor's degree option is designed for students who have already completed a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and have met the admission requirements for graduate entry. While students can be eligible for admission with any undergraduate degree, having a health-related major such as exercise science, public health education, dance science, biology, psychology, or pre-health is strongly encouraged as they help fulfill the necessary prerequisites for admission into the master's program. See below for required undergraduate courses.

The MAT program is 64 credit hours and takes two years (six semesters) to complete. For application deadlines please refer to the application process page on the [MAT program website](#). Those who are accepted will formally begin the program the following May. Students may take missing prerequisite courses in the year preceding the start of their MAT program.

For consideration of acceptance into the program, you must:

- Complete a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Complete a program application
- Have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Have a prerequisite course GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Grade of "C" or higher in all prerequisite course work.
  - NOTE: Advanced Placement (AP) Credits are not accepted as prerequisites for the athletic training graduate program.
- Submit three recommendation letters, including one from a certified athletic trainer
- Submit a two page personal statement about your decision to pursue athletic training education
- Complete an interview with the athletic training program faculty/staff, if requested
- Complete a minimum of 30 observation hours must be from at least two different ATs
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### **ADMISSIONS POLICIES**

The Athletic Training Education committee (ATEC) will convene regularly to review applications to the MAT program. This committee will take into account the student's application materials, grade requirements, clinical observation hours, formal interview (if requested), past athletic training experience, and the student's motivation and work ethic into account when determining whether the student is accepted into the program or not. The ATEC reserves the right to deny acceptance to any student. After this committee convenes, a letter will be sent to each applicant stating whether or not he/she has been accepted into the athletic training program. Upon receiving an acceptance letter, the student is required to return the "Declaration of Acceptance" form to the program director within the stated time frame. Failure to return this form will forfeit the student's acceptance into the athletic training program.

Students must be able to meet the technical standards set forth by the Anderson University Athletic Training Program. At the time of acceptance into the program, students must sign a declaration of knowledge of these technical standards. Technical standards requirements are published in the Athletic Training Handbook.

### **PREREQUISITE UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**

Courses (grade of C or higher is required in each prerequisite course)

COURSE TYPE	ANDERSON UNIVERSITY EQUIVALENT
Biology (with lab)	Multiple courses meet this requirement
Chemistry (with lab)	CHEM 1000 or CHEM 2110
Physics (with lab)	PHYS 2140 or PHYS 2240
A&P I (with lab)	BIOL 2410
A&P II (with lab)	BIOL 2420
Biomechanics (with lab)	EXSC 3520
Exercise Physiology (with lab)	EXSC 3470
Nutrition	EXSC 2580
Psychology	PSYC 2000
Statistics	MATH 2120 or PSYC 2440

### **CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION**

Each applicant will be evaluated on their academic achievement, personal statement, and remaining items of support. Academic achievement will account for 70% of the applicant's total score. Applicants will be evaluated on the successful completion of their overall undergraduate degree GPA (must be a 3.00 or higher), with specific emphasis placed on the required prerequisite courses. The student's ability to articulate their thoughts on pursuing athletic training education in their personal statement and the references provided will account for an additional 20% of the applicant's score. The remaining items of support will account for the final 10% of the applicant's total score. These will include but are not limited to other activities that will support the candidate's application (e.g. community involvement, leadership opportunities, previous athletic training experiences, etc.).