

University of Houston
Department of Health and Human Performance
Master of Athletic Training Program

Application for Admission

The Master of Athletic Training (MAT) Program application has been designed and implemented by the Master of Athletic Training (MAT) Program Selection and Retention Committee. Criteria for evaluation will be determined by the summation of the applicant's score, from the categories listed below. Applicants will be ranked by their overall score.

The Master of Athletic Training (MAT) Program only begins in summer semesters and all applications to the University of Houston must be submitted by March 1. All supporting material must be received by the department before April 1.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION:

(Please type or neatly print all information)

Today's Date: _____

University of Houston Student ID#: _____

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

II. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION:

Each applicant will be evaluated on three (3) categories: Academic Achievement (Last 60 Hours of Instruction/ Major GPA/ Prerequisite Courses), Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Score 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 last 60 Hours of Instruction, Major GPA, Cumulative GPA and Prerequisite Course grades. Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA in Major GPA to be considered as well as have completed all prerequisite courses with a "C" or higher to be considered for admission. **Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Score** will account for 20% of the applicant's total score. A minimum expected scores are above the 30th percentile. **Remaining Items of Support** will account for 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.)

III. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EVALUATION:

Please enter the following information:

Major GPA: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

GRE Q: _____ (% below) _____

V: _____ (% below) _____

AW: _____ (% below) _____

Required Prerequisite Courses	Grade
Anatomy and Physiology I	
Anatomy and Physiology II	
Biomechanics	
Exercise Physiology	
General Psychology	
Statistics	

Recommended Prerequisite Courses	Grade
Functional Anatomy	
Motor Learning	
Nutrition	

IV. DOCUMENTATION OF HOURS

Applicants must submit 50 hours of observation time documented by a Certified Athletic Trainer (AT). The 50 observation hours can be done anywhere as long as they are directly supervised by (1) Certified by the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification (BOC) and (2) Licensed as an Athletic Trainer in the state in which they reside if state regulation exists (currently there is no state regulation for Athletic Trainers in California, Hawaii and Alaska.). The individual that is supervising you will need to provide both their BOC number and their state license number (if applicable).

V. LETTER OF INTENT:

The letter of intent is used to provide the Master of Athletic Training (MAT) Program Selection and Retention Committee with more insight as to:

1. Why you have chosen Athletic Training as a career path
2. Why you have chosen the Master of Athletic Training Program at the University of Houston.
3. What your career and educational goals and expectations are after graduation.
4. Your previous experiences as they relate directly to Athletic Training.

The letter of intent should be no more than 2 pages, typed and single spaced. The letter of intent will not be used for scoring purposes, rather a way for the Master of Athletic Training (MAT) Program Selection and Retention Committee to obtain more information about each applicant.

This letter is a reflection of you. Please take this opportunity to introduce yourself to the committee. Use this letter to inform the committee of your passion towards both the field of Athletic Training and your graduate school education.

VI. PERSONAL REFERENCES:

Each applicant will be required to obtain and submit three (3) letters of recommendation to be turned in with the completed application. The letters of recommendation will serve to assist the Master of Athletic Training (MAT) Program Selection and Retention Committee in further understanding each applicant's strengths and weaknesses and how they will be able to effectively contribute to the Master of Athletic Training Program, as well as the Athletic Training profession. It is strongly suggested that you receive a letter from a faculty member and/or previous educator, a Certified Athletic Trainer and a supervisor. This combination will allow the Master of Athletic Training (MAT) Program Selection and Retention Committee to see evaluations in the academic, clinical and work ethic categories. The letters of recommendation will not be used for scoring purposes.

Please provide the following information in the letters of recommendation:

1. Evaluator's Name
2. Position
3. How long have you known the applicant
4. In what capacity have you known the applicant (personal, professional, etc.)
5. Any other pertinent information the evaluator may feel is important to know about the applicant.

VII. ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF SUPPORT:

Please use this section to provide the Master of Athletic Training Program Selection and Retention Committee with any additional items of support for your application.

VIII. OTHER INFORMATION:

Students who are given formal admittance into the Master of Athletic Training Program will be required to submit evidence of their current CPR card(s). These include: American Red Cross- CPR for the Professional Rescuer and American Heart Association- Health Care Provider. Students will be responsible for keeping and maintaining current CPR certifications throughout their clinical progressions in the Master of Athletic Training Program. The cost is typically \$50-\$100 for a two year certification.

Students are required to purchase a liability insurance policy providing a minimum \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 and must be maintained throughout their clinical education in the Master of Athletic Training Program. The student must provide proof of coverage prior to the beginning of their clinical education rotations. Several companies provide such policies, and students may obtain their insurance from a company of their choosing. One such company, HPSO (www.hpso.com) provides a student policy at a reasonably affordable price (Approximately \$30.00 per year).

Students who are given formal admittance in the Master of Athletic Training Program will be required to become student members of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (www.nata.org). Membership costs for students are \$35.00 per year.

Students who are given for admittance into the Master of Athletic Training Program are highly encouraged to obtain and maintain medical insurance coverage prior to engaging in any clinical education rotations. Many policies exist and no one policy is endorsed by the Master of Athletic Training Program. For more information regarding the Student Insurance for University of Houston-Main please visit <http://www.studentinsurance.com/Schools/TX/UH/>

Students who are given formal admittance into the Master of Athletic Training Program will be required to complete a criminal background check and be subject to random drug testing.

Any student that is not in compliance with these requirements listed above will be subject to dismissal from the Master of Athletic Training Program for non-compliance.

IX. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

I certify that all information provided in this application and its supporting documents best portray me as an individual applying to the Master of Athletic Training Program. Any false statements or intentional misrepresentations will result in the denial of my application.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Applicant's printed name)

(Date)