Master of Athletic Training (MAT) Program
Application Procedures

Thank you for your interest in Baylor University’s MAT program. The steps outlined will ensure that an applicant has completed all required items needed to gain admission into the program, hold their seat, and receive tuition remission. Submission of application materials does not guarantee that an applicant will be admitted into the MAT program. All information provided through ATCAS can be transferred over to the Graduate School’s application system.

**Step 1: Graduate School Application**

1. Begin Graduate School application and select the Master of Athletic Training Program. This program is housed in the Robbins College of Health and Human Sciences.

2. Submit a short essay describing his or her interest in becoming a certified athletic trainer. The essay should specifically address what makes the applicant passionate about athletic training. Personal statements should be no longer than 1000 words.

3. Submit a professional resume that highlights the applicant’s education, work experience and relevant information.

4. Submit one copy of all undergraduate transcripts.
   - The Graduate School accepts unofficial transcripts for application evaluation purposes. If an offer of admission is extended, official transcripts must be submitted.
   - Transcripts must show that the applicant received a “C” (2.0) or better in the following prerequisite coursework:
     - Human Anatomy (Class and Lab)
     - Human Physiology (Class and Lab)
     - Statistics
     - Nutrition
     - Medical Terminology
     - Physics (Class and Lab)
     - Psychology
     - Biology (Class and Lab)
     - Chemistry (Class and Lab)

5. Submit three Baylor MAT Recommendation forms
   a. First Form: Completed by an ATC that supervised the applicant’s observation hours.
   b. Second Form: Completed by a previous instructor or professor who can attest to the applicants’ academic performance.
   c. Third Form: Completed by a person who can attest to the applicant’s character. This person cannot be related to the applicant.

6. Applicants are required to provide proof of ECC certification obtained within the last six months. Applicants must complete a Basic Life Support course with a skills assessment, ideally from American Heart Association or American Red Cross.
   - ECC training must include all the following:
     - Adult, Pediatric, and Second Rescuer CPR
     - Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
     - Airway obstruction & adjuncts (including oropharyngeal & nasopharyngeal airway)
     - Barrier devices (e.g., pocket mask, bag-valve mask)
   - The applicant must upload their certificate of completion.
7. Complete 100 hours of observation with a certified athletic trainer (ATC and/or LAT) and a submit form verifying those hours. Applicants should make every effort to use the form provided on Baylor’s Athletic Training homepage. Applicants can upload a maximum of 4 verification logs.  
   (Note: Preference will be given to applicants that provide proof of AT observations occurring at various healthcare sites and with different athletic trainers.)
   
   - Hours do not have to be completed prior to applying to the program. They must be completed by the first day of class.
   - Hours cannot be completed at any clinical site currently used by the program.

8. Applicants are required to review the technical standards for admission and determine one of the following:
   1. The applicant can meet the standards of admission as outlined
   2. The applicant can meet each of these standards with certain accommodations as outline by the Office of Access and Learning Accommodation.

   Applicants must upload a copy of the form with a signature in the appropriate signature field.

9. Applicants must provide the date they received each of the following immunizations:
   - Hepatitis B (complete series of 3)
   - Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) (complete series of 2)
   - Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (TDAP) completed within the last 5 years
   - Varicella (complete series of 2 or varicella titer showing immunity)

   Candidates admitted into the program will be required to provide official immunization records from an appropriate healthcare provider. Additional, immunizations may be required per clinical site placement requirements.

10. Submit a self-audit form demonstrating completion of all required prerequisite courses using information from your transcripts. All prerequisite courses must be completed earning a "C" (2.0) or better prior to the first day of class.

    Applications can be considered before completing all prerequisite coursework:
    - Please label a course you are currently enrolled in as “in progress” on the form.
    - If you plan to take a course during a future semester, please provide the semester and year you will complete the course.

11. To be considered for early enrollment, the applicant must submit their materials by October 31st. After that date, applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. To receive full consideration, application materials must be received by the first Friday in April.

    Begin your application at ATCAS. https://atcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login

**Step 2: Review of Materials**

12. The MAT program faculty will begin the review of applications following submission deadlines.

13. The MAT program faculty will notify those selected for admission utilizing the email address provided on the application.

**Step 3: Acceptance/Post Acceptance Instructions.**

14. Those applicants selected for admission will have one month to accept or reject the offer of admission. Applicants will formally accept or reject the offer of enrollment through the Graduate School application system.

15. Pay the seat deposit of $500. Applicants will not be officially enrolled in the program until they formally accept the admission offer and pay the seat deposit. Those not paying their deposit in a timely manner may lose their seat in the MAT program. Once enrolled in the program, students will have the deposit credited to his or her account. Those who pay the deposit and withdrawal from the program prior to enrollment will forfeit his or her deposit.
16. After accepting admission and paying the seat deposit, the student will receive an email detailing programmatic requirements (e.g. physical exam, immunization records, criminal background check) that must be submitted one week before the start of the summer semester from the Clinical Coordinator.

17. After being admitted into the Graduate School, students will enroll in summer coursework. Once enrolled in the appropriate coursework, a 50% tuition remission will be applied to the student’s account.

Failure to follow these steps may result in your application and/or acceptance status being denied.

Admission Deadline: To receive full consideration, application materials must be received by the first Friday in April. However, the MAT program will offer early admission decisions. To be considered for early enrollment, the applicant must submit their materials by October 31st.

Cohort Start Date: Each new cohort begins the MAT program halfway through the first summer session (Typically mid-June). In addition, a new student orientation will be held one day before the first day of class.

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