ATHLETIC TRAINING, M.A.T.

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Program Application

Applications deadline for admission into the MAT Athletic Training program will begin in the fall/spring of the 2020-2021 academic year for students applying through the traditional pathway. Application will be made through the graduate school website and will require all official transcripts, three letters of recommendation, evidence of CPR/First Aid and completion of the technical standards documentation. Please see the complete list of admissions requirements below.

Southern Connecticut's is undergoing accreditation of the MAT in Athletic Training by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) in the fall of 2019. Our current undergraduate program in athletic training is accredited by CAATE until 2027. The MAT program is designed to prepare students to work as entry-level athletic trainers with athletic programs, hospitals, clinical settings, military, corporate, public safety, and the performing arts. Students completing this program receive a Master's of Athletic Training (MAT). Upon successful completion of the graduate program requirements, students will meet the eligibility requirements established by the Board of Certification Inc. to sit for the national entry-level athletic training examination.

Departmental Admission Requirements

In addition to the admission requirements of the Office of Graduate Admissions found in the Admissions section of this catalog, all applicants must also submit the following documents directly to the School of Graduate and Professional Studies:

1. All official transcripts demonstrating completion of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution with a total undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0.
2. Successful completion (B- or better) of all prerequisite coursework prior to beginning the graduate program curriculum. Students completing prerequisite courses at the...
time of application may apply but acceptance will not be granted until all grades have been determined. Prerequisite courses include:
Anatomy & Physiology (8 credits)
Nutrition / Exercise and Nutrition (3 credits)
Statistics / Research Methods (3 credits)
Exercise Physiology
Biomechanics
Strength & Conditioning
Chemistry (4 credits)
Physics (4 credits, 200 level or higher)
Psychology (3 credits)
Additional 4 credits in Biological Science

3. A student seeking admission must meet with or without reasonable accommodations technical standards established to insure graduates are capable of fulfilling physical and mental requirements for professional practice. These include abilities and skills in five categories: observation, communications, motor, intellectual, and behavioral/social. Students must have a physician verify their ability to meet these technical standards with or without reasonable accommodations on a signed submitted technical standards form which is available on the Athletic Training Program website. If there are any questions, please contact the Athletic Training Program Coordinator. Candidates who require accommodations to fulfill the technical standards due to a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at (203) 392-6828. Information regarding the process and policies can be found on the DRC website.

4. Three letters of recommendation outlining the student’s aptitude and/or ability to function as an athletic training professional.

5. Demonstrate current CPR certification (BLS or higher provided by the American Red Cross or American Heart Association which must be maintained until graduation.

6. Pass the department admission committee interview.

Department Retention Requirements

1. Maintain a minimum GPA of a 3.0 until graduation. Students with a GPA below 3.0 will be placed on probation and will be removed from the program if the GPA is not returned to a 3.0 before the conclusion of the following semester. Students will not be endorsed by the MAT Athletic Training program coordinator to register for the Board of Certification Examination while on probation. Students must have a 3.0 GPA to successfully earn the MAT degree.

2. Earn at least a B- in all professional courses. Any student failing to earn a B- may not enroll in any course for which that course is a prerequisite and the student must retake the course.

3. Prior to graduation, each student will be required to pass a comprehensive examination. The comprehensive examination will consist of a written and/or oral section(s) that will be given prior to the beginning of the student’s final spring semester. Successful completion (B or better) of the comprehensive examination will be required for the student to complete the degree requirements and graduate from
the program. In accordance with SCSU Graduate School Policy, students will be permitted a maximum of two attempts to successfully complete the examinations.

4. Students are responsible for any CPR, transportation and/or clothing costs associated with clinical experiences.

**Program Sequence – 62 Credits**

('B-' or better required)

*As sequencing changes, it is highly recommended that students meet with their program advisor to finalize a list of requirements for graduation.*

ATH 510 - Clinical Anatomy and Kinesiology - 3 credits
ATH 520 - Prevention and Health Prevention – 4 credits
ATH 542 – Examination and Diagnosis – Musculoskeletal Conditions – 7 credits
ATH 543 – Primary and Emergency Care – 4 credits
ATH 546 – Evidenced Based Practice and Health Care Informatics I – 1 credit
ATH 540 – Athletic Training Clinical Practice I – 3 credits
ATH 551 – Therapeutic Intervention I – Pathophysiology and Physical Agents – 4 credits
ATH 553 – Therapeutic Intervention II – Therapeutic Exercise – 4 credits
ATH 555 – Illness and Interventions in the Physically Active I – 4 credits
ATH 556 – Evidenced Based Practice and Health Care Informatics II – 1 credit
ATH 550 - Athletic Training Clinical Practice II – 3 credits
ATH 560 - Athletic Training Clinical Practice III – 3 credits
ATH 562 - Therapeutic Interventions III – Psychosocial and Pharmacological - 4 credits
ATH 565 – Illness and Interventions in Physically Active II – 4 credits
ATH 566 – Evidenced Based Practice and Health Care Informatics III – 1 credit
ATH 570 – Athletic Training Clinical Practice IV – 3 credits
ATH 572 – Professional Responsibilities and Health Care Administration – 3 credits
ATH 575 – Occupational Injury Prevention and Ergonomics – 3 credits
ATH 578 – Therapeutic Interventions IV – 3 credits

**Capstone**

('B' or better required)

Comprehensive Examination