

Athletic Training Requirements for Admission

A considerable time commitment is required to successfully complete all the requirements in the Athletic Training Program (AT Program). Students are selected using a competitive admission process due to limited space availability at the clinical sites. To be considered for admission into the AT Program, students must achieve and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, pass at least 30 semester hours of college credit, complete at least 30 observation hours and/or pass EXS 270, meet the Technical Standards (see AT Program web site), and apply by the deadline (by the first Friday in November or the first Friday of the spring semester). The AT Program Admission Committee reviews the following materials for admission: application, candidate interview, overall college GPA, ACT/SAT scores, prior experience, certifications/professional memberships, performance reviews during their observation hours and/or EXS 270, college courses completed, and three letters of recommendation. Only those candidates admitted into the AT Program and have successfully completed an approved CPR/First Aid course may take the clinical experience courses (EXS 271, 371, 372). Students may transfer into the program based upon their credentials, courses completed at another institution, space availability, and permission from the AT Program Director. Department approval is required to transfer in EXS 295, 296, 301, 304, 305, 320, 390, 402, 403, 420, 421, and 471 from other institutions.

With the exception of first semester freshman, all students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and have completed all developmental courses prior to declaring athletic training as an area. Students must earn a grade of *B* or better in EXS 271, 371, and 372; additionally, a grade of *C* or better is required in the other Athletic Training Core Courses. Students with a grade below a *C* in EXS 301 or EXS 304 may not continue with the AT Program progression and must retake the course the next semester offered. Students must achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher prior to enrolling in EXS 320, 390, 402, 403, 420, 421, and 471. If the student's cumulative GPA drops below the required 2.5, the student will be placed on AT Program academic probation. Students should refer to current AT Program's GPA Policy (see AT Program web site) for further explanation. Students have up to three opportunities to meet the grade requirement in a course. If on the third attempt, the student is still unable to meet the grade requirement, the course cannot be repeated again and the student can no longer progress through the AT Program.

Students must maintain confidentiality at the clinical site(s), show respect for faculty, staff, and patients at all times, and demonstrate adequate performance of the Essential Skills (see AT Program web site) to be admitted and retained in the AT Program. All students must meet the Technical Standards established to assure the health and safety of the candidate, other athletic training students, faculty, staff, and patients. All candidates are required to complete a physical exam upon acceptance into the AT Program and provide proof of proper immunizations, including the Hepatitis B vaccination (HBV) or a signed HBV waiver.

Athletic training students must purchase and consistently maintain professional liability insurance to a level of no less than \$1,000,000/incident, \$3,000,000 aggregate before participating in any clinical experience course. Students must purchase proper attire to be worn at the clinical sites, pay for annual trainings and/or certifications, provide their own transportation to the Clinical Experience sites, and be responsible for any other costs (see AT Program web site).

Any student who, after reasonable accommodations, cannot perform the Essential Skills may not be permitted to continue in the AT Program. It is the student's responsibility to notify the Executive Director of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Access, Murray State University, to request a reasonable accommodation. All requests for accommodation must be accompanied by appropriate documentation from a qualified professional referencing the condition and specific need for the accommodation requested.

Students who are not native speakers of English must demonstrate competence in written and spoken English. This can be accomplished by submitting a satisfactory score on either the TOEFL or IELTS, taken no earlier than two years prior to the date of application. The AT Program requires a minimum score of 79 on the internet-based TOEFL (iBT) with no band less than 19. An overall score of 6.5 is required on the IELTS with no band less than 6.0. The TOEFL or IELTS score must be submitted before application to the AT Program.