



# Professional Master of Science in Athletic Training Program Application Informational Meeting



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# Program History

- Professional Master of Science in Athletic Training (PMSAT) Program began in Summer '16 and we just accepted our 4<sup>th</sup> class.
- Marshall University has the only such program in WV
- Only a few other programs of this type currently exist in the Tri-State
- By 2022, the entry-level degree will be the Master's degree
- Implications?



# The Profession

- <https://www.nata.org/about/athletic-training/education-overview>
- What is Athletic Training?
- Studies indicate how ATs improve functional and physical outcomes of patients and how the services provided by ATCs reduce rehabilitative and other health care costs



# Athletic Training Webpage

- Mission & Objectives
- Plan of study
- PMSAT curricular plan
- Application Documents
- <http://www.marshall.edu/athletic-training/>

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# Application Eligibility

- ✓ Currently enrolled at Marshall, in an articulation agreement, or already have a Bachelors Degree.
- ✓ Athletic Training declared as Major
- ✓ 3.0 or higher GPA
- ✓ Completion of a minimum of 90 credit hours
- ✓ Completion of AT pre-requisite courses (next page)
- ✓ Completion of Directed Observation Clinical Outcomes and 45 Hours (info posted on webpage)
- ✓ Student member of the NATA (by time of admission)



# If applying Spring 2020

- ✓ Have already successfully completed or will have completed the following 11 AT pre-requisite courses prior to the start of the AT program:
  1. Anatomy and physiology (6-8cr)
  2. Introduction to Athletic Training/Prevention & Care of Athletic Injuries (3cr)
  3. Exercise physiology (3-4cr)
  4. First Aid and CPR; must also hold current First Aid and CPR healthcare provider or professional rescuer certifications (1-3cr)
  5. General psychology (3cr)
  6. Introduction to athletic training or similar (3cr)
  7. Kinesiology or biomechanics (3-4cr)
  8. Nutrition (3cr)
  9. Personal Health/Wellness (2-3cr)
  10. Statistical methods (3cr)
  11. Medical terminology (2-3cr)

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# If applying Spring 2021

- ✓ Have already successfully completed or will have completed the following 15 AT pre-requisite courses prior to the start of the AT program:
  1. Anatomy and physiology (6-8cr)
  2. Introduction to Athletic Training/Prevention & Care of Athletic Injuries (3cr)
  3. Exercise physiology (3-4cr)
  4. First Aid and CPR; must also hold current First Aid and CPR healthcare provider or professional rescuer certifications (1-3cr)
  5. General psychology (3cr)
  6. Introduction to athletic training or similar (3cr)
  7. Kinesiology or biomechanics (3-4cr)
  8. Nutrition (3cr)
  9. Personal Health/Wellness (2-3cr)
  10. Statistical methods (3cr)
  11. Medical terminology (2-3cr)
  12. **Biology (3cr)**
  13. **Chemistry (3)**
  14. **Physics (3)**
  15. **Sociology (3)**

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# Application Packet

- **February 15 is the priority admission deadline for full consideration**



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# What you need to submit...

1. *All application items will be uploaded to ATCAS except the character reference which should be mailed.*
2. Letter of Application
3. 1-2 pages in length addressing the following elements: why you chose to complete this program; what leadership abilities you have to offer that would enhance the PMSAT program at Marshall; what observations/experiences you have obtained that would make you an asset to the PMSATP; why you should be accepted for admission to the PMSATP; also, please provide a statement of your educational and professional goals as a result of being admitted to and completing this program.
4. Two (2) reference evaluation forms (at least two of these forms **must** be completed by full time faculty, staff, or other college/university employees and will be submitted to ATCAS)
5. At least one (1) typewritten character letter of recommendation.
  - a. This letter can come from any of the following individuals: University administrator, faculty, or staff member; person of your choice (i.e., high school teacher or coach, clergy member, etc.) who is not a family member (NOTE: this individual cannot also have completed a reference evaluation form)
  - b. Letter of recommendation should address the following character traits: self-confidence, leadership, integrity, initiative, communication skills, responsibility, and professionalism.

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# What you need to submit...

6. Must have official bachelor's degree transcripts sent directly to ATCAS. Students who have not received the bachelor's degree at the time of application, must submit official preliminary college transcripts to ATCAS.
7. Professional Resume.
8. Physical examination (signed by your family physician or University physician on the appropriate form included in this packet) noting you have passed a physical exam and can meet the technical standards for this program. This exam must be completed within the last 12 months of your application to the PMSATP.
9. A copy of your immunization records including a negative TB (PPD) Test within the past twelve months. The TB test can be obtained at local health departments.
10. Students must read and sign the "*Hepatitis B Immunization Informed Consent/Refusal form*" in the appropriate location.
11. Evidence of current American Heart Association or American Red Cross certification in First aid and CPR; must be either Healthcare Provider or Professional Rescuer certifications.
12. Drug Testing and Background Check (NOTE: information on completing both these requirements and the associated costs will be sent to candidates if they have been accepted).

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# What you need to submit...

13. Read ***“Technical Standards for Admission”*** document contained in this packet and sign in the appropriate location in blue ink
14. Read and sign the final page of the **“Athletic Training Major Requirements Checklist”** that is included in the application packet.
15. Students admitted to the PMSAT must complete Bloodborne Pathogen Training prior to beginning their first clinical rotation.
16. Students admitted to the PMSATP must complete Title IX Sexual Harassment Training prior to beginning their first clinical rotation.
17. Students admitted to the PMSATP must provide evidence of student membership in the National Athletic Trainers’ Association and maintain this membership as they matriculate through the ATP; for details go to <http://www.nata.org/membership>

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# What's Next?

- Schedule a professional interview time once contacted by the PMSATP Director and invited for an interview
  - This will occur before Spring Break; possibly also afterwards
- Students admitted to the PMSATP must pay appropriate fees to purchase required AT clothing items, completed drug testing and background check, and other required items prior to start of summer '19 classes

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# Curricular Progression

## Summer 3

HS 512 Foundational Clinical Skills in AT 3hrs

HS 515 Clinical 1 3hrs

Summer 3 starts mid-July and runs up until the start of the Fall semester.

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# Curricular Progression

## *Fall Year 1*

HS524	LE Evaluation/Lab	4
HS525	Clinical 2	3
ESS 63 6	Elective	3
ESS 67 0	Research Methods	3

## *Spring Year 1*

HS548	Therapeutic Int I	4
HS523	UE Evaluation/Lab	4
HS645	Clinical 3	3
HS679	Trends in AT	3

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# Curricular Progression

## *Fall Year 2*

HS639	Gen Med Cond/Lab	3
HS655	Clinical 4	3
HS609	Organ/Admin in AT	3
HS549	Therapeutic Int II	4

## *Spring Year 2*

HS634	Externship/Clinical Rotations	3
HS680	Graduate Project	4
HS630	Seminar in AT	3
HS657	Adv Train/Certs	3

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# Clinical Experience Requirements

- Satisfactorily complete all assigned AT competencies
- Accurately record all clinical hours and related clinical education experiences
- Meet or exceed clinical hour requirement for each of the 5 clinical courses (NOTE: all clinical courses with the exception of HS 515 have 225 minimum clinical hours requirement)
- Satisfactorily complete all required clinical rotations
- Satisfactorily complete team and Athletic Training Room/Clinic responsibilities as assigned or required
- Understand that the student bears responsibility for travel and travel-related expenses for off-campus required clinical experiences
- Meet Service Points and NATA membership requirements

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Questions??



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