



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

January 22, 2018

Gullickson Hall 203 (3:00-4:00 pm)



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Profile of Athletic Trainers

- http://www.nata.org/sites/default/files/Athletic_Trainer_Profile.pdf
- 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

What can one do with the AT degree & BOC Certification?

- Note different settings where ATCs can get employed
- <https://www.nata.org/about/athletic-training/job-settings>
- Note “Sample Job Descriptions”
- <https://www.nata.org/career-education/career-center/post-a-job/sample-job-descriptions>

The ATP at Marshall University

- Undergraduate Program has been accredited since 1985 and in existence since the late 1970s
- Implications of the program's history?
- ATP is housed in the College of Health Professions and in the School of Kinesiology
- Implications of this structure?

“Continuing Changes”

- December '17 marked the completion of the Bachelor's degree for students were admitted into Undergraduate ATP
- Professional Master of Science in Athletic Training (PMSAT) Program began in Summer '16; second master's cohort began program in Summer '17.
- 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?

Athletic Training webpage

- <http://www.marshall.edu/athletic-training/>



Professional Master of Science in Athletic Training

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





Application Eligibility

- ✓ Currently enrolled at Marshall: if from another institution, then students must be admitted to MU
- ✓ Athletic Training declared as Major
- ✓ 2.75 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)

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Application Eligibility (continued)

✓ Have already successfully completed or will have completed the following 11 AT pre-requisite courses prior to the start of the AT program:

1. BSC 226/HS201 (Anatomy) – 4 hours
2. BSC 227 (Physiology) – 4 hours
3. DTS 210 (Nutrition) – 3 hours
4. ESS 345 (Exercise Physiology) – 3 hours
5. HS 200 (Medical Terminology)
6. HS 215* (Intro to AT) – 3 hours
7. HS 220 (Personal Health) – 3 hours
8. HS 222* (First Aid/CPR*)
9. HS 365 (Kinesiology) – 3 hours
10. PSY 101 (General Psychology) – 3 hours
11. Statistics – 3 hours

* = *take face-to-face class*



Application Packet

February 15 is the priority admission deadline for full consideration



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2018 Application Packet

- <http://www.marshall.edu/athletic-training/>
(Hyperlink at top of page)
- Note on p.2 of the packet, the items to send to the Graduate College vs. those documents to send to the PMSAT program
- Revisions may occur to these application documents during the year you apply, so review them carefully

Application Details

To Graduate College:

- Graduate College Application for Admission
- Letter of Application
- 3 Reference Evaluations
- 1 Letter of Recommendation
- Official Transcripts

To Dr. Beckett:

- Resume
- Copy of Physical Examination
- Copy of all immunization records, including TB test
- Hep B immunization informed consent/ refusal form
- Evidence of First Aid & CPR certifications
- Technical Standards for Admission
- Directed observation requirements
- PMSATP requirements checklist
- Drug testing and background check*
- BBP training*
- Sexual harassment training*
- Evidence of NATA student membership*

**occurs after all application documents have been submitted*

Application Details

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- Submit all application documents by the deadline to the appropriate location
- 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
- Take PMSATP Admission Exam within one week after being interviewed (*NOTE: this exam will assess applicant knowledge of Policies & Procedures Manual*)
- 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 '18 classes



Directed Observation Clinical Experience

45 hours & meeting outcomes

Fall 2017 or Spring 2018 Semester



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What determines acceptance?

- Overall GPA
- GPA in pre-requisite courses
- PMSATP Application documents
- Directed observation clinical experience
- Interview
- PMSATP Candidate Admission Exam
- “Rubric” will determine # of points out of 100
 - This # will be used to rank candidates
- Available slots within the PMSATP will be filled according to this prioritized listing of candidates starting with the top score downward

What determines retention?

- Maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA in all required courses.
- Obtain no more than two “C’s” in courses
- Meet all professional/behavioral requirements and expectations (NATA Code of Ethics, University code of conduct, standards of practice, etc.).
- Meet all clinical related requirements (i.e., competencies, clinical hours, required rotations, policies and procedures, etc.).
- Meet all additional requirements (athletic training and athletics/extracurricular activities, first aid/CPR certifications, service points, etc.).

What determines retention?

- Follow all policies, procedures, guidelines, etc. as stated in the current copy of the *Marshall University Professional Master of Science in Athletic Training Program Policies and Procedures Manual*.
- Understand that failure to meet the above requirements will lead to probation and/or dismissal from the program if the offense persists. Students can appeal probation/suspension status. (NOTE: see “Grievance Procedure” in current copy of *PMSATP Policies and Procedures Manual*).

PMSATP Policies & Procedures Manual

- Can be downloaded from 2 locations on our webpage <http://www.marshall.edu/athletic-training/>
 - Hyperlink at beginning of 2nd paragraph of home page
 - Bottom of “Admission” webpage

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Summer 3

HS 512 Foundational Clinical Skills in AT 3hrs

HS 515 Clinical 1 3hrs

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Fall Year 1

HS524	LE Evaluation/Lab	4
HS525	Clinical 2	3
ESS 636	Elective	3
ESS 670	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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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
HS	Elective	3

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



Time Management



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The Past, Present, & Future



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Questions??

