

NDSU | Professional Athletic Training Program

Requirements for 2020-2021 Admission

Program Website: https://www.ndsu.edu/hnes/athletic_training_professional/

1. Overall GPA of 3.0 at the time of application (3.0 GPA or higher maintained to start of program)
2. The following courses must be completed with a letter grade of “C” or better earned and documented on official transcripts prior to the start of the program in Fall 2021.
 - Human Anatomy and Lab 1 semester
 - Human Physiology and Lab 1 semester
 - General Physics and Lab 1 semester
 - General Chemistry and Lab 1 semester
 - Biomechanics and/or Kinesiology 1 semester
 - Exercise Physiology 1 semester
 - Medical Terminology 1 semester
 - Nutrition 1 semester
 - Psychology 1 semester
3. Statement of Purpose: Please include the following information in your statement:
 - a. Reasons why you are pursuing graduate studies at NDSU
 - b. Explain your interest in pursuing a career in Athletic Training
 - c. Background preparation for Athletic Training
 - d. Relevant skills and experiences you have acquired
4. Research Writing: Students are required to write a research-based position paper explaining why research is important in Athletic Training and why it is relevant to clinical practice. A minimum of two (2) references must be included. Three-page maximum.
5. Three (3) letters of recommendation – at least one letter must be from an instructor/professor. They must testify to integrity (i.e. professionalism, communication skills, work ethic) of the student.
6. Documentation of a minimum of 50 hours of observation completed under the direct supervision of a BOC ATC® in an athletic training room setting. 50 hours must be completed within one (1) calendar year of application. Form can be found on MATrg website. *Submit signed form under supplemental materials.*
7. Documentation of current CPR Training in one of the following:
 - a. American Heart Association: BLS Healthcare Provider/BLS Provider
 - b. American Red Cross: CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer
 - c. American Red Cross: Basic Life Support of Healthcare Providers*Submit copy of certificate under supplemental materials.*
8. International students must meet the following English Language Test score requirements for HNES Graduate Programs:

TOEFL (pbt): 600	TOEFL (ibt): 100	IELTS: 7	Academic PTE: 68
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Application Process

1. Apply on-line through ATCAS - <https://atcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>
2. Create an account and following their steps to complete the application.
3. Once applications are reviewed, interviews (in person or virtually) will be completed.

****Application submission does not constitute acceptance into the program nor is acceptance guaranteed simply upon satisfactory completion of requirements. Admission requirements are weighted. Overall GPA and interview performance carry the major percentage of the weighting process. Exceptions to the requirements can be made on recommendation by the MATrg Application Committee.***

Admission Acceptance/Denial into the MATrg:

The MATrg application process is a competitive process. A committee reviews completed graduate school applications and selects applicants to interview. The committee will set up a time with the student to complete the interview process (Virtually or in person). Students will be notified by the NDSU Graduate School regarding formal MATrg program status. All NDSU Graduate School Policies will be followed accordingly.

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