

University of Arkansas Accelerated Master of Athletic Training Description

The Master of Athletic Training is an accredited program of the University of Arkansas that focuses on creating patient-centered and evidence-informed health care providers who serve as advocates for their patients both on and off the field to improve health-related quality of life. We are a year-round, 24-month program, and our rigorous coursework prepares students to be leaders in the field and our clinical education experiences in varied settings provide real-world training with excellent preceptor mentors.

Steps To Express Interest in the Accelerated M.AT. Program

Exercise Science (EXSCBS) students interested in the accel.M.AT. program should complete the following steps:

1. Identify with a pre-AT designation in your degree plan after discussion with an academic advisor.
2. Alert the M.AT. Program director (Luzita Vela, vela@uark.edu) **by the 2nd year of the EXSCBS degree** of interest in the Accel.M.AT Program. Students interested in the accelerated degree plan will be required to attend an information session.
3. Express an intent to apply to the accelerated M.AT. no later than **fall of your 3rd year in the EXSCBS program** to both an academic advisor and the M.AT Program Director.
4. Apply by **January 8th of your 3rd year**. All program pre-req courses must be completed by the end of Spring of the 3rd year.

To Apply, Interested Students Must

- Have at least a **3.2 GPA** at time of application
- Either have successfully completed or be enrolled in the following pre-requisite courses that are part of the EXSCBS degree plan: BIOL 10103/10101; BIOL 24003/24001L; BIOL 24103/24101L; CHEM14103/14101L; EXSC 31503; NUTR 12103; PHYS 20103/20101L; PSYC 20003.
- Complete all the courses outlined in the first three years of the Accelerated M.AT. Course Sequence by the end of the Spring semester of the 3rd year (at least 96 credit hours towards the EXSCBS degree). Please note that students should complete the following EXSC program before starting the Master of Athletic Training degree sequence: EXSC 27303, PBHL/EXSC 26603, EXSC 31503, EXSC 43203, EXSC 35303, EXSC 33503, EXSC 47803, EXSC 48303.

If enrolled in any of these courses at time of application, final admission in the accel.M.AT. program will be contingent on applicants successfully completing the courses by earning a "C" or better in each course.

The application is a competitive process for 22 seats in each cohort. Applicants must complete an online application (link provided by advisor), which requires the following information:

1. **Academic History:** institutions attended, and transcripts uploaded (unofficial accepted).
 - a. A letter grade of B or higher is preferred for each pre-requisite course.
2. **Letters of recommendation:** at least 2 required, up to 4.
3. **Observation hours:** 150 hours preferred; a minimum of 75 hours required under the supervision of an athletic trainer by time of matriculation. It may be possible that all observation hours are not completed at the time of application. However, all observation hours must be completed prior to beginning Athletic Training (ATTR) graduate coursework.
4. **Personal statement and program questions:** for your personal statement, describe your professional goals including why you have chosen Athletic Training as a career. Two additional program essays (described in the program application packet) must be completed.
5. **Resume**

This information, along with the information obtained from an interview with the admissions committee, will be factors considered for admission. Students selected for admissions will be informed **by February 15th**.

Accelerated M.AT. Program Progression

Accel.M.AT students will take ATTR graduate classes starting in the Summer of the 3rd year of enrollment after they have completed at least 96 credit hours towards the EXSCBS degree. Students who successfully complete the EXSCBS degree requirements after two semesters of enrollment in the accel.M.AT. Program (Summer of 3rd year and Fall of 4th year) will earn a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science degree in December of the 4th year. Students must apply for the University of Arkansas Graduate School during the Fall of the 4th year.

Accel. M.AT. students will take up to 24 hours of ATTR coursework that can be counted towards their EXSCBS and M.AT. degrees. These 24 hours will count as 15 hours of EXSC related electives, 7 hours of EXSC core classes, and 2 hours of general electives. Accel. M.AT. will be allowed to take three additional ATTR hours (ATTR 51601 and 51702) as an undergraduate student, but they will not count toward the undergraduate degree.

Accel.M.AT. Students Take:	Counts Toward EXSCBS Requirements:
ATTR 51101, ATTR 51202, ATTR 51401, ATTR 52203, ATTR 53703, ATTR 51503, and ATTR 55302	15 hours of related electives
ATTR 53103 and ATTR 53101	EXSC Elective
ATTR 51303	EXSC 49003 Internship in Exercise Science
ATTR 53701L, ATTR 51501L	2 hours of general electives
ATTR 51601, ATTR 51702	Does not count toward EXSCBS Degree

To progress and qualify for admission into the M.AT. program, accel.M.AT. students should meet with an advisor to ensure appropriate sequencing of courses specified in year 1 and year 2. Once students begin ATTR graduate classes, students in the accelM.AT. must abide by the curriculum plan of the cohort program. Those not following the plan are subject to dismissal from the accel.M.AT and/or not be admitted into the M.AT. program.

Progressing from the Accelerated M.AT. to M.AT. Program

Students will apply to the University of Arkansas Graduate School during the Fall of the 4th year. After which, students who have been accepted into the Graduate School and who have met the following requirements will be fully admitted into the M.AT. Program:

1. Completed all EXSCBS requirements for graduation,
2. Earned an average GPA of at least 3.0 in the 24 hours of ATTR graduate classes,
3. Not earned more than two "C" grades or lower in ATTR classes,
4. Met all requirements of the graduate coursework including the Retention and Progression Policies identified in graduate course syllabi, and
5. Satisfactorily met all standards identified in the University of Arkansas M.AT. Program Professionalism and Professional Responsibility Criteria.

Accelerated M.AT. Course Sequence table

YEAR 1		
Fall	Spring	Summer
ENGL 10103 BIOL 10103/10101 ² PSYC 20003 ² MATH 12003 or MATH 13004 UNIV 10051 (General Elective)	CHEM14103/14101L ² ENGL 10203 Social Science Core HIST/Govt Core Fine Art	
14-15 hours	16 hours	
YEAR 2		
Fall (<i>Identify interest in the accelerated EXSCBS to M.AT. program</i>)	Spring	Summer
BIOL 24003/24001L ² BIOL 24103/24101L ² EXSC 27303 Intro to Exercise Science SPCH 10003 Social Science Core	CHEM 14203/14201L MATH 21003 EXSC 31503 ² Exercise Physiology Humanities Core EXSC/PBHL 26603 Med Terminology General Elective (up to 2 hours)	
17 hours	18 hours	
YEAR 3		
Fall (<i>Confirm intent to apply to M.AT. program</i>)	Spring (<i>apply to M.AT. program</i>)	Summer (<i>Begin M.AT Program Coursework</i>)
EXSC 43203 Exercise Prescription EXSC 35303 Laboratory Techniques PHYS 20103/20101L ² EXSC 33503 Mech of Human Movement Gen Elective (4-5 hours)	CHEM 36053/36051L or CHEM 26103/26101L EXSC 47803 Sport and Exercise Psychology EXSC 48303 Exercise Applications for Special Populations PSYC 30203 NUTR 12103 ²	ATTR 53103 ³ Clinical Anatomy ATTR 53101 ³ Clinical Anatomy Lab ATTR 51101 ⁴ EBP I ATTR 51202 ⁴ Int & Care Plan I ATTR 51401 ⁴ Prof Identity Formation ATTR 52203 ⁴ Emergency Procedures ATTR 51303 ³ Core Comp I
17-18 hours	16 hours	14 hours
YEAR 4		
Fall (<i>EXSC BS completed & graduation in December; Acceptance into Grad School and M.AT. Program</i>)	Spring	Summer
ATTR 53701L ⁵ Lower Ext Lab ATTR 53703 ⁴ Eval Tech – LE ATTR 51503 ⁴ Int & Care Plan II ATTR 51501L ⁵ Int & Care Plan II Lab ATTR 51601 ⁶ EBP II ATTR 55302 ⁴ Behavioral Health I ATTR 51702 ⁶ Core Comp II	ATTR 53601L ATTR 53602 ATTR 53402 ATTR 53401L ATTR 52803 ATTR 52801L ATTR 51801 ATTR 53302	ATTR 55001 ATTR 54202 ATTR 54301 ATTR 54402
13 hours	13 hours	6 hours
YEAR 5		
Fall	Spring (<i>M.AT. Program Completed</i>)	
ATTR 54703 ATTR 55402 ATTR 52503	ATTR 56101 ATTR 56201 ATTR 56301 ATTR 52702	

8 hours	5 hours	
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- ² accel. M.AT. Program pre-requisite course
- ³ EXSC Core Equivalent Course
- ⁴ EXSCBS related elective course
- ⁵ general elective
- ⁶ only counts toward M.AT. degree (not EXSC BS degree)