

Accelerated Master of Athletic Training Description and Course Sequence

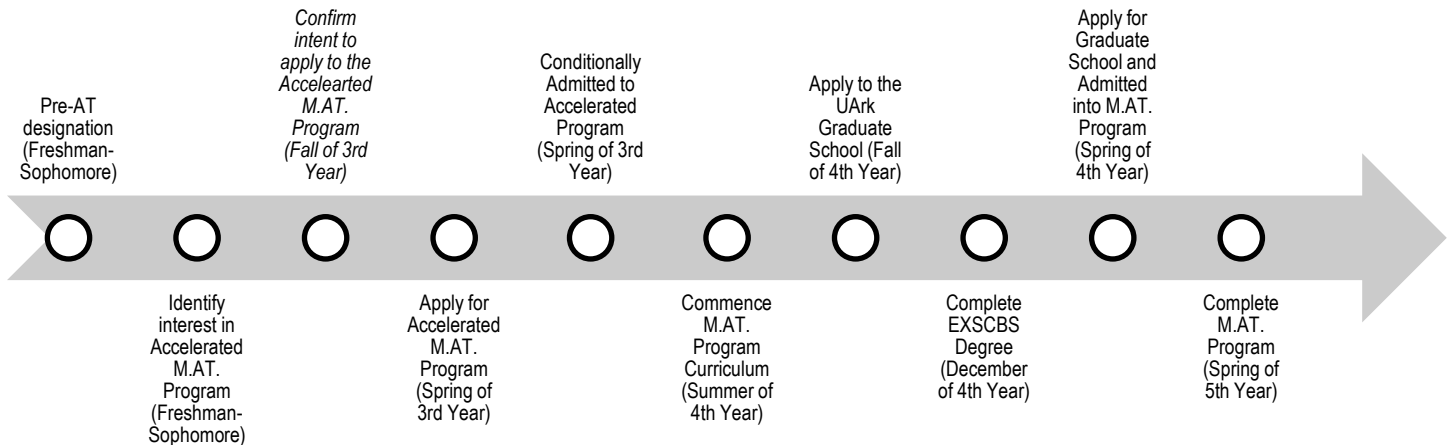
The Master of Athletic Training is an accredited program of the University of Arkansas that focuses on creating patient-centered and evidence-informed health care providers who serve as advocates for their patients both on and off the field to improve health-related quality of life.

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 and either have successfully completed or be enrolled in the following pre-requisite courses that are part of the EXSCBS degree plan:

- BIOL 1543/1541L;
- BIOL 2213/2211L;
- BIO 2443/2441L;
- CHEM 1103/1101L OR CHEM 1203/1201L;
- EXSC 3153; NUTR 1213;
- PHYS 2013/2011L;
- PSYC 2003

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.

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 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 5161 and 5172) as an undergraduate student, but they will not count toward the undergraduate degree.

Accel.M.AT. Students Take:	Counts Toward EXSCBS Requirements:
ATTR 5111, ATTR 5122, ATTR 5141, ATTR 5223, ATTR 5373, ATTR 5153, and ATTR 5532	15 hours of related electives
ATTR 5314	EXSC Elective
ATTR 5133	EXSC 4903
ATTR 5371L, ATTR 5151L	2 hours of general electives
ATTR 5161, ATTR 5172	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

YEAR 1		
Fall	Spring	Summer
ENGL 1013 BIOL 1543/1541L ² PSYC 2003 ² MATH 1213 or MATH 1284C UNIV 1001 (General Elective)	CHEM 1103/1101L ² ENGL 1023 Social Science Core HIST/Govt Core Fine Art Core	
14-15 hours	16 hours	
YEAR 2		
Fall (<i>Identify interest in the accelerated EXSCBS to M.AT. program</i>)	Spring	Summer
BIOL 2443/2441L ² BIOL 2213/2211L ² EXSC 2733 COMM 1313 Social Science Core	CHEM 1123/1121L STAT 2303 EXSC 3153 ² Humanities Core PBHL/EXSC 2663 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 4323 EXSC 3533 PHYS 2013/2011L ² EXSC 3353 Gen Elective (4-5 hours)	CHEM 3603/3601L or CHEM 2613/2611L EXSC 4783 EXSC 4833 PSYC 3023 NUTR 1213 ²	ATTR 5314 ³ ATTR 5111 ⁴ ATTR 5122 ⁴ ATTR 5141 ⁴ ATTR 5223 ⁴ ATTR 5133 ³
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 5371L ⁵ ATTR 5373 ⁴ ATTR 5153 ⁴ ATTR 5151L ⁵ ATTR 5161 ⁶ ATTR 5532 ⁴ ATTR 5172 ⁶	ATTR 5361L ATTR 5362 ATTR 5342 ATTR 5341L ATTR 5283 ATTR 5281L ATTR 5181 ATTR 5332	ATTR 5501 ATTR 5422 ATTR 5431 ATTR 5442
13 hours	13 hours	6 hours
YEAR 5		
Fall	Spring (<i>M.AT. Program Completed</i>)	
ATTR 5473 ATTR 5542 ATTR 5253	ATTR 5611 ATTR 5621 ATTR 5631 ATTR 5272	
8 hours	5 hours	

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)