



■ Master of Athletic Training (MAT)

Our Master of Athletic Training (MAT) degree, offered through the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, will prepare you for a successful career in any area of the broad field of athletic training. Athletic training encompasses the prevention, examination, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of emergent, acute, or chronic injuries and medical conditions. Athletic trainers work in a variety of settings and with people of all ages and abilities, which means you can work in any athletic training environment you desire.

Program Highlights

Immersive Practical Experiences

You will be in the field for three full-time, immersive experiences beginning in your first year. During these clinical rotations, you will be working with real patients, which will allow you to enhance your knowledge base through hands-on involvement.

Advanced Knowledge, Dual Degree, and Concentrations

With our concentrations and coursework, you can develop skills beyond the entry level, including care of mild traumatic brain injury, interprofessional healthcare, or advanced therapeutic treatments (dry needling, cupping,

or kinesiotape). MAT students can also add an optional dual degree with Drake University's [Master of Science in Health Informatics and Analytics program](#). This degree opens career pathways in sports injury prevention analysis, as well as positions that focus on proactive care for athletes.

Personalized Experience

You will receive individual attention from faculty and staff, helping you to build lifelong mentoring relationships and connections within the athletic training profession.

Connections in the Capital

As a student in Des Moines, Iowa's capital city, you will have many opportunities for unique practice experiences and access to legislative activities related to healthcare and athletic training. You can be involved in advocacy, the world-renowned Drake Relays, high school athletics championships, and much more.

Professional Preparation

We partner with numerous clinics, hospitals, special care facilities, and private practice sites throughout the U.S. Our extensive local and national practitioner network offers opportunities for shadowing, mentoring, and professional experiences. Our dedicated career development staff will work with you to achieve your career goals.

Admission Criteria

Drake University's MAT program operates on a rolling admission process. We will interview and admit students until the A1 class is full and a sufficient number of applicants have been identified for the waitlist. We recommend submitting application materials early to ensure your application is processed and considered in a timely manner.

To be considered for admission, applicants must

- Submit an ATCAS application (<https://atcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>)
- Complete at least 3 years of undergraduate coursework (approximately 92 semester credit hours)

- No minimum GPA is required, although a 3.0 prerequisite GPA (as calculated in ATCAS) is considered competitive.
- Observation or shadowing in an athletic training setting is recommended, but not required.
- Complete (or be in the process of completing) prerequisite coursework outlined below
- Candidates with strong applications and academic qualifications will be invited to complete an admission interview

Prerequisites Requirements

Applicants must earn a grade of C or higher to fulfill prerequisite courses. Applicants who wish to fulfill prerequisites through Advanced Placement or other testing options should contact the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at drakeat@drake.edu. More detail about our prerequisite requirements can be found on the Drake MAT website:

<https://www.drake.edu/at/masterofathletictraining/mata/dmission/>.

- Anatomy and Physiology (2 courses/8 sem. Credit including labs)
- Exercise Physiology (1 course/3 sem. hours, no lab required)
- Biological Sciences (1 course/4 sem. hours including lab)
- General Chemistry (1 course/4 sem. hours including lab)
- General Psychology (1 course/3 sem. hours)
- Physics (1 course/3 sem. hours, no lab required)
- Nutrition (1 course/2 sem. hours)
- Statistics (1 course/3 sem. hours)
- Medical Terminology (1 course/1 sem. hour)

The Drake University Master of Athletic Training program is accredited through the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), located at 2001 K Street NW, 3rd Floor North Washington, DC 20006; (512) 733-9700; website <https://caate.net/>. The program is accredited through the 2025-2026 academic year. A required comprehensive accreditation review will be conducted during the 2025-2026 academic year, with a self-study due date of July 1, 2025, and an on-site visitation scheduled in consultation with the institution.

