MERCER UNIVERSITY
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Master of Athletic Training (MAT) Program Frequently Asked Questions

March 15, 2026 *is the priority deadline and* ***May 15, 2026*** *is the final deadline for application submission for the* ***Summer 2026*** *entering class.*

Program Description and Accreditation Information

The Master of Athletic Training Program provides preparation for a professional career as an athletic trainer. The graduate program of study is full-time and spans six (6) consecutive semesters. Upon successful completion of the program, the student will be awarded the Master of Athletic Training (MAT) degree.

The Master of Athletic Training Program at Mercer University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), 2001 K Street NW, 3rd Floor North, Washington, DC 20006. The CAATE telephone number is (512) 733-9700. Mercer University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate, masters, educational specialist, and doctorate degrees.

Admissions Requirements

Prior to acceptance, applicants must complete:

- Applicants are required to submit a primary application via ATCAS (http://www.atcas.org/). All official college/university transcripts must be submitted directly to ATCAS.
- Completion of a Bachelor's degree (2.85 cumulative GPA recommended) from a regionally-accredited American college or university.
- Documentation of at least 50 hours of clinical observation under the supervision of an athletic trainer.
- Completion of all seven prerequisites prior to matriculation with required GPA of 2.85. If a prerequisite has been taken more than once, the best attempt will be used in calculating the prerequisite GPA. The prerequisites for Mercer's MAT Program are:
    - Chemistry I (for science majors) with lab,
    - Physics I (for science majors) with lab or Biomechanics,
    - Two course series of human anatomy and physiology with lab,
    - Biology course,
    - Psychology course with an emphasis on individual behavior (general, abnormal or developmental), and
    - Introductory statistics or biostatistics course.

  Additionally, we recommend you complete four (4) of these seven (7) courses prior to application and include a plan for completing the outstanding prerequisite courses in your application. Applicants are encouraged to complete coursework / experience in professional writing and oral communication prior to enrollment in Mercer's MAT Program. Examples of courses / experiences related to these areas are: writing intensive courses, grant writing, professional publication(s), public speaking, Toastmasters.

- Two letters of recommendation. One letter must be from a College or University professor and one letter must be from an athletic trainer.

- Applicants must also meet the MAT Program's Technical Standards in order to be considered for admission into the program.
- Qualified applicants will be invited to visit the Athletic Training Program for an interview.
- International applicants must also meet additional requirements regarding foreign course evaluations and English proficiency (TOEFL).

What are the materials required to apply to the Master of Athletic Training Program?

*Please visit our website (*http://chp.mercer.edu/admissions/admissions-requirements/athletic-training/) *to learn more information about the application process before you apply.*

I do not have a 2.85 on a 4.0 scale, can I still be considered for admission?

The Mercer University MAT Program has a conditional admissions policy for applicants with a GPA between 2.5 and 2.85. Occasionally students may be admitted conditionally with a GPA of less than 2.85. Students admitted under conditional status must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 for the first 8 credit hours of the curriculum. Students with GPAs below 2.5 will not be considered for admission.

What kind of undergraduate degree do I need for admission?

We accept a Bachelor's degree in any field from a regionally accredited college or university as long as the prerequisites are completed. Students may apply while still completing a bachelor's degree, but the degree must be awarded and conferred prior to enrollment into the MAT Program.

Why should I consider Mercer for this program?

Mercer's Athletic Training Program is compliant with the 2020 CAATE accreditation standards for professional masters programs, is housed in the College of Health Professions, which is part of Mercer's Health Sciences Center. As such, Mercer's MAT Program is uniquely positioned to provide interprofessional education experiences that will prepare graduates to be an integral part of the healthcare team. Mercer University competes in 18 Division I sports, which provides a tremendous variety of clinical education opportunities. Further demonstrating the quality of the program, the first graduating cohort had a 100% first attempt pass rate on the BOC (Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer – www.bocatc.org/) and each graduate secured employment as an athletic trainer. Additionally, Mercer's program not only meets but significantly exceeds the benchmark requirement of a 70% overall pass rate on the BOC Examination, boasting an impressive three-year aggregate pass rate of 93%.

Why should I enroll in a Master of Athletic Training Program?

Athletic training is a very rewarding profession where you will have the opportunity to provide healthcare in a variety of settings that include universities, high schools, professional sports, clinics, hospitals, and performing arts, the military and industrial settings. The job outlook is excellent with much faster growth than average. The latest employment numbers indicate a 23% year to year increase in available jobs.

What courses do you take in the Master of Athletic Training Program?

Please see the attached curriculum outline. Course descriptions are available on the University Registrar's website at http://www2.mercer.edu/Registrar/Catalogs/default.htm.

Can I transfer into the Mercer MAT Program and receive credit for courses completed at another Athletic Training program?

The Mercer MAT Program does not grant advanced standing nor accept transfer credit from other Athletic Training programs.

Where is the MAT Program located?

The MAT Program is located on the Macon campus utilizing on-campus clinical opportunities with Mercer's athletic teams. The MAT Program has a dedicated classroom, learning lab, and research lab.

Can I work while I am in the MAT Program?

The intensity and continuity of the MAT Program requires the full-time attendance and attention of students. The curriculum is demanding and does not allow extra time for employment. The administration, therefore, views outside employment with disfavor as such employment may interfere with the quality of a student's academic performance.

How much will the MAT Program cost?

Tuition (per semester)	$ 8,250
Facilities and Technology Fee (per semester)	$ 150
First semester lab fee	$ 300
Second semester lab fee	$ 80
Fifth semester lab fee	$ 80
Other fees*	$ 3,000
Total tuition and fees	**$53,860**

Please note that these fees are subject to change each year after the Board of Trustees meeting in April. There also is an increase in tuition each year (2-3% in recent years). Students in the MAT Program will incur expenses that are in addition to tuitions and university fees. These may include immunizations, a physical exam, and background check as part of the admissions requirements. Students will be required to access internet sites during classes and clinical experiences so a laptop computer will be required. Students will be required to join the NATA, purchase textbooks, uniforms, and will be responsible for transportation to their clinical sites. Students are encouraged to refer to the CHP Admissions website for a current estimate of additional expenses related to the MAT Program http://chp.mercer.edu/admissions/tuition-financial-planning/.

Who can I contact for financial aid information?

Student Financial Planning Office:	478-301-2760
Student Financial Planning Website:	http://financialaid.mercer.edu/
FAFSA on the Web:	https://fafsa.ed.gov/

Where can I find information about housing for students?

For information about on and off-campus housing options for Athletic Training students please visit the homepage for campus life (http://studentaffairs.mercer.edu/housing/)

Where can I find more information about the Athletic Training profession?

Please visit the National Athletic Trainers' Association website (https://www.nata.org), the Southeastern Athletic Trainers' Association website (https://www.seata.org), and the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education website (https://caate.net).

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Mercer Master of Athletic Training Program

MAT Year 1 Summer	Cr Hrs.	MAT Year 1 Fall	Cr Hrs.	MAT Year 1 Spring	Cr Hrs.
AT 510 Introduction to Athletic Injuries	3	AT 511 Fundamentals of Athletic Training	2	AT 512 Professionalism and Leadership in Athletic Training	3
AT 520 Basic Taping, Bracing, and Protective Equipment	1	AT 521 Therapeutic Intervention I	4	AT 522 Therapeutic Intervention II	4
AT 530- Athletic Training Emergency Care	4	AT 531 Clinical Examination & Diagnosis I	4	AT 532 Clinical Examination & Diagnosis II	4
		AT 551 Introduction to Athletic Training Clinical	3	AT 552 Athletic Training Clinical II	3
	8		**13**		**14**
MAT Year 2 Summer		**MAT Year 2 Fall**		**MAT Year 2 Spring**	
AT 610 Sports Nutrition	3	AT 611 General Medical Conditions	3	AT 612 Athletic Training Healthcare Administration	3
AT 620 Research Design and Statistics	3	AT 621 Pathophysiology & Pharmacology for Athletic Training	3	AT 622 Sports Biomechanics and Pathomechanics	1
AT 650 Immersive Clinical	4	MPH 601 Principles of Public Health Practice	3	AT 642 Healthcare Delivery Systems	1
		AT 631 Interprofessional Practice	1	AT 652 Advanced Athletic Training Clinical II	3
		AT 632 Research Capstone	1	AT 662 Athletic Training Curricular Content Standards Review	3
		AT 651 Advanced Athletic Training Clinical I	3		
	10		**14**		**11**
					Total: 70 Credit Hours

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