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Program Status      Active

Academic Level      Graduate

Type of proposal      Major/Field of Study

Select a reason for this modification

Making Minor Changes to an Existing Degree (e.g. changing 15 or fewer hours, changing admission/graduation requirements, adding/changing Focused Study or Track)

Are you adding a concentration?  
 No

Are you adding or modifying a track?  
 No

Are you adding or modifying a focused study?  
 No

Effective Catalog Year      Fall 2021

College/School Code  
 College of Education and Health Professions (EDUC)

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## Department Code

Department of Health, Human Performance and Recreation (HHPR)

## Program Code

ATTRMA

## Degree

Master of Athletic Training

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for Director of

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3. Apr 27, 2018 by Steve Dittmore (dittmore)
4. May 21, 2019 by Paul Calleja (pcallej)
5. May 7, 2020 by Paul Calleja (pcallej)

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Program Title

Athletic Training, Master of Athletic Training

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary?

No

Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School?

No

What are the total hours needed to complete the program? 59-62

## Program Requirements and Description

### Requirements

**Prerequisites to Athletic Training Degree Program:** For acceptance to the Graduate Athletic Training Program, in addition to the general requirements for admission to the Graduate School, an undergraduate degree in exercise science or in a related field and an overall undergraduate GPA of 3.00, GRE score and prerequisite courses are required. GPA of no less than 3.0 was changed from previous three-tiered GPA requirements and submission of a GRE score.

**Prerequisite Courses for Admission to the Master of Athletic Training:** Students desiring admission to the athletic training program must complete the following courses prior to admission:

<a href="#"><u>NUTR 1213</u></a>	Fundamentals of Nutrition	3
<a href="#"><u>EXSC 3153</u></a>	Exercise Physiology	3
<a href="#"><u>BIOL 1543</u></a>	Principles of Biology (ACTS Equivalency = BIOL 1014 Lecture)	4
& <a href="#"><u>BIOL 1541L</u></a>	and Principles of Biology Laboratory (ACTS Equivalency = BIOL 1014 Lab)	
<a href="#"><u>BIOL 2213</u></a>	Human Physiology (ACTS Equivalency = BIOL 2414 Lecture)	4
& <a href="#"><u>BIOL 2211L</u></a>	and Human Physiology Laboratory (ACTS Equivalency = BIOL 2414 Lab)	
<a href="#"><u>BIOL 2443</u></a>	Human Anatomy (ACTS Equivalency = BIOL 2404 Lecture)	4
& <a href="#"><u>BIOL 2441L</u></a>	and Human Anatomy Laboratory (ACTS Equivalency = BIOL 2404 Lab)	
<a href="#"><u>CHEM 1103</u></a>	University Chemistry I (ACTS Equivalency = CHEM 1414 Lecture)	4
& <a href="#"><u>CHEM 1101L</u></a>	and University Chemistry I Laboratory (ACTS Equivalency = CHEM 1414 Lab)	
or <a href="#"><u>CHEM 1203</u></a>	Chemistry for Majors I	
& <a href="#"><u>CHEM 1201L</u></a>	and Chemistry for Majors I Laboratory	
<a href="#"><u>PHYS 2013</u></a>	College Physics I (ACTS Equivalency = PHYS 2014 Lecture)	4
& <a href="#"><u>PHYS 2011L</u></a>	and College Physics I Laboratory (ACTS Equivalency = PHYS 2014 Lab)	
<a href="#"><u>PSYC 2003</u></a>	General Psychology (ACTS Equivalency = PSYC 1103)	3

If the above courses were obtained at a college or university other than the University of Arkansas, course syllabi/outlines for courses that are requested to meet the requirements must be submitted to the Program Director of Athletic Training Program for approval.

Students who desire consideration for admission to the Graduate Athletic Training Program must submit the following information:

Each student must provide evidence of a preprogram physical examination based on the University of Arkansas graduate athletic training program's technical standards by a board certified physician (DO or MD);

Evidence of immunizations (mumps, measles, rubella, tetanus, and diphtheria);

Hepatitis B vaccination or waiver prior to beginning the clinical field based experience (the University of Arkansas Student Health Center offers the Hepatitis B vaccination for \$120.00 for all three shots);

**Completion of a minimum of a drug test administered by 150 hours of observation under the University of Arkansas at an approved testing site; direct supervision of a BOC certified athletic trainer;—**

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Three professional letters of recommendation;

Completion of the University of Arkansas Graduate School Application – see the Athletic Training website (admission into the graduate athletic training program is selective, and therefore, admission to the Graduate School of the University of Arkansas does not guarantee admission into the Graduate Athletic Training Program);

Completion of the GATP Application (see [GATP Web site](#));

Background check – All expenses incurred by the back ground are the responsibility of the student. –

Background check information is located on the [GATP website](#).

An official copy of all transcripts; and

All prospective students must satisfy required athletic training technical standards.

**Technical Standards:** Because the Master of Athletic Training degree and BOC certification signifies that the holder is a clinician prepared for entry into the practice of athletic training within a variety of employment and education settings, it follows that graduates must have the knowledge and skills to function in a broad variety of clinical situations and to render a wide spectrum of patient care. Therefore, the students must meet technical standards before being admitted to the Athletic Training Education Program. The technical standards set forth by the Athletic Training Educational Program establish the essential qualities considered necessary for students admitted to this program to achieve the knowledge, skills, and competencies of an entry-level athletic trainer, as well as meet the expectations of the program's accrediting agency (Commission on Accreditation for Athletic Training Education (CAATE)). Applicants who may not meet these technical standards are encouraged to contact the Program Director of Athletic Training Education, 303 HPER Building, University of Arkansas. The following are the technical standards:

Candidates must be able to actively learn from observations, demonstrations, and experiments in the basic sciences.

Candidates must be able to learn to analyze, synthesize, solve problems, and reach assessment and therapeutic judgments distinguished from the norm.

Candidates must have sufficient sensory function and coordination to perform appropriate physical examinations using acceptable techniques.

Candidates must be able to relate effectively to athletes and the physically active and to establish sensitive, professional relationships with them.

Candidates are expected to be able to communicate the results of the assessment to the injured or ill exerciser, to responsible officials, to parents or guardians, and to colleagues with accuracy, clarity, and efficiency.

Candidates are expected to learn and perform routine prevention, assessment, emergency care, and therapeutic procedures.

Candidates are expected to be able to display good judgment in the assessment and treatment of injured or ill athletes and physically active individuals.

Candidates must be able to learn to respond with precise, quick, and appropriate action in emergency situations.

Candidates are expected to be able to accept criticism and respond by appropriate modification of behavior.

Candidates are expected to possess the perseverance, diligence, and consistency to complete the athletic training degree curriculum as outlined and sequenced, to attempt BOC certification within the year of program completion, and to enter the practice of athletic training.

### **Program Retention and Progression Policies:**

**Academic Retention Policy:** All graduate students are subject to the [Graduate School Policies](#).

In addition to the graduate school policies, the Graduate Athletic Training Program has adopted a more stringent set of academic guidelines.

Students will be retained and progress through the ATP by meeting the following requirements:

1. Follow all GATP Policies as noted in the GATP policy and procedure manual.
2. Only those that have a graduate GPA of  $\geq 3.0$  will be cleared for graduation from the GATP. In addition, no credit is earned for courses in which a grade of "F" or "D" is recorded (but these courses count towards GPA). Courses in which a grade of "F" or "D" are earned must be retaken, and a passing grade ("C" or better) must be earned prior to graduation. The maximum number of credit hours that can be retaken is 6 hours.
3. At the end of each semester (i.e., August, December and May), student progress will be assessed. Students will be placed on probation if:
  - a. Cumulative GPA is less than or equal to a 2.85 (student will receive a letter from the graduate school) or the student earned two "C"s or lower in the semester being evaluated (student will receive a letter from the athletic training program director).
4. Students on probation will be reassessed at the end of the following semester. Re-assessment will determine if the student is removed from probation, or is dismissed from the program.
  - a. Student removed from probation: If the student earns greater than a "C" in all coursework during the probation semester AND the cumulative GPA is greater than 2.85.
  - b. Student is dismissed from the program: If the student earns any grade less than a "B" during the probation semester (regardless of cumulative GPA).

A student cannot graduate while on probation. If they are on probation during their final semester, a student must earn a "B" or greater in all of their coursework. Likewise, their final cumulative GPA must be greater than or equal to a 3.00 (see point 2 above).

BOC for Athletic Training Exams:

If the student is on probation during their final semester (Spring 2nd year), they will not be cleared to take the Jan/Feb or March/April BOC for athletic training exam.

At the semester midterm, student progress will be assessed. If it is determined that the student is on track to earn a "B" or greater in all coursework, as determined by the instructor, the student will be cleared to take the May/June BOC for athletic training exam.

If it is determined the student is at risk to earn a “C” or less in any of their courses, the student will not be cleared for the May/June exam. In that case, the student will only be cleared to take the BOC for athletic training exam once the student has successfully graduated from the program.

**Students are expected to adhere to Requirements for the current National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) Code Master of Ethics and the policies outlined in the graduate athletic training program’s policy and procedure manual (PPM) throughout their program of study, including during all courses and field experiences. Should a student violate the NATA code of ethics and/or policies outlined in the PPM, the student will be referred to a remediation and retention committee (comprised of athletic training faculty). Based on the severity of the infraction, a student may be dismissed or receive a warning accompanied by remediation. Students will be dismissed from the program if they fail to comply with remediation or retention committee directives. Drug tests may be required of any student at random times throughout their time in the program. Athletic Training Degree: Confirmation of a positive drug screen, except nicotine, will result in the immediate dismissal of the student from the GATP with no possibility of reinstatement. More detailed information about the process can be found in the PPM at <https://atep.uark.edu>.**

**The Program Coordinator, in consultation with the Remediation and Retention Committee, Department Head, and the Graduate School, has the authority and responsibility to dismiss a student from the program for unethical or unprofessional behavior or a positive drug screen. Students who have been dismissed by the program on the basis of unethical or unprofessional conduct may appeal the decision following the procedures outlined under the Unethical and Unprofessional Conduct policy contained in the Graduate Catalog of Studies.**

#### **Requirements for the Master of Athletic Training Degree:**

Candidates for the Master of Athletic Training degree must complete 53 semester hours of graduate work and an independent research project or thesis. A graduate GPA of 3.0 or better is required for graduation. In addition, all degree candidates must successfully complete the required athletic training competencies and proficiencies as mandated by the accrediting body.

#### **Athletic Training: (59-62 hours)**

Required Research Component (3 hours)

**ESRM 5393** Statistics in Education and Health Professions 3  
or **ESRM 6403** Educational Statistics and Data Processing

HHPR Required Courses (53 hours)

<b>ATTR 5213</b>	Athletic Training Clinical I - Application of Injury Prevention Devices and Techniques	3
<b>ATTR 5223</b>	Athletic Training Clinical II - Emergency Procedures	3
<b>ATTR 5232</b>	Athletic Training Clinical III - Lower Extremity Evaluation	2
<b>ATTR 5242</b>	Athletic Training Clinical IV - Evaluation of Upper Extremity	2
<b>ATTR 5262</b>	Athletic Training Clinical V - Rehabilitation Lab	2
<b>ATTR 5272</b>	Athletic Training Clinical VI - Athletic Training Seminar	2
<b>ATTR 5253</b>	Professionalism in Athletic Training	3
<b>ATTR 5313</b>	Clinical Anatomy for Athletic Trainers	3
<b>ATTR 5363</b>	Evaluation Techniques of Athletic Injuries - Upper Extremity	3

<a href="#">ATTR 5373</a>	Evaluation Techniques of Athletic Injuries - Lower Extremity	3
<a href="#">ATTR 5403</a>	Pathophysiology and Treatment I	3
<a href="#">ATTR 5413</a>	Pathophysiology and Treatment II	3
<a href="#">ATTR 5453</a>	Therapeutic Modalities in Athletic Training	3
<a href="#">ATTR 5463</a>	Therapeutic Exercise and Rehabilitation of Athletic Injuries	3
<a href="#">ATTR 5473</a>	Administration in Athletic Training	3
<a href="#">ATTR 5493</a>	Evidence-Based Practice in Athletic Training	3
<a href="#">EXSC 5323</a>	Biomechanics I	3
<a href="#">EXSC 5593</a>	Practicum in Laboratory Instrumentation	3
<a href="#">EXSC 5643</a>	Advanced Psychology of Sports Injury and Rehabilitation	3
Required Project or Thesis (3-6 hours)		
<a href="#">KINS 589V</a>	Independent Research	3-6
or <a href="#">KINS 600V</a>	Master's Thesis	
Total Hours		59-62

### Are Similar Programs available in the area?

No

Estimated Student 17

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2. Assessment is conducted by the GATP program director in August annually.

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- b. Assessment is conducted by each assigned faculty advisor, and information given to the GATP program director in the fall semester annually.

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- 1. Outcome will be assessed via tabulation of the reported the number of GATP graduates.
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- 1. Outcome will be assessed in two ways: Exit survey of students and one-year post graduation alumni survey of employers:
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#### Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
Drug test statement added application process.	One clinical site used by the ATTRMA program now requires all of their employees to take a drug test. Upon review of best practices in Athletic Training and similar to other programs around the nation, it was decided that a drug testing policy for all students regardless of clinical site requirements is warranted.

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
Retention policy revised.	The revised retention policy will provide ATTRMA students with a clear pathway to resolve policy infractions.

Upload attachments

Reviewer Comments

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (12/10/20 2:53 pm):** Changed type of proposal back to Major/Field of Study per Registrar's Office.

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (12/10/20 4:49 pm):** Progression policy change will require campus approval.

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (01/11/21 10:11 am):** Inserted an appeal statement on behalf of the college.

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (01/25/21 10:26 am):** UCPC passed a motion to amend the program requirements statement of "Students who have been dismissed on the basis of unethical or unprofessional conduct may appeal the decision following the procedures outlined under the Academic Grievance Procedures for Graduate Students section of the Graduate Catalog of Studies" and replace it with: "Students who have been dismissed by the program on the basis of unethical or unprofessional conduct may appeal the decision following the procedures outlined under the Unethical and Unprofessional Conduct policy contained in the Graduate Catalog of Studies." A second amendment was also passed to include the following statement to be added right before the amended appeals statement: The Program Coordinator, in consultation with the Remediation and Retention Committee, Department Head, and the Graduate School, has the authority and responsibility to dismiss a student from the program for unethical or unprofessional behavior or a positive drug screen.

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