

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION PROGRAM

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM

My understanding of the San Diego State University (SDSU) Master of Science in Athletic Training Program (MSAT), referred to as the “program”-

- A. I understand that I must be enrolled as a graduate student in the program.
- B. I understand that I am expected to follow the curriculum map for the program.
- C. I understand that I must satisfactorily complete the required prerequisite courses prior to the start of the program in Summer Session I (mid to late May). In order to process my application for admittance to the program, the following courses must be completed or be enrolled in with a grade of 2.0 or greater.
 - Human Anatomy with Lab and Human Physiology OR Anatomy and Physiology I and II with Lab
 - Biomechanics
 - Exercise Physiology with Lab
 - General, Abnormal, OR Developmental Psychology
 - Introductory OR General Statistics
 - Fundamentals of Nutrition
 - Introduction to Athletic Training with a lab
 - Introductory OR General Chemistry
 - Introductory OR General Physics; No lab requirement.
 - Introductory Weight Training
- D. I understand that in order to be considered for admission, I must have a 3.0 or greater GPA in the last 60 units of coursework.
- E. I understand that current CPR/AED and First Aid certification are required at the time of application. I understand that my CPR/AED certification must be from an approved provider course as indicated on the program website and in the ATCAS application. I understand that I must maintain current CPR/AED certification throughout my time in the program.
- F. I understand that in order to hold my application active, I must provide the SDSU Graduate Admissions Office a copy of all pertinent official academic transcripts for verification of pre-requisite course enrollment and completion. In cases where I am currently enrolled in a prerequisite, I will be asked to submit a mid-semester grade check with my application and provide an updated copy of my transcripts upon completion of the coursework.

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- G. I understand that admission to the program is highly competitive and a Selection Committee will make their final decision on my application for admission based upon an objective rank-based process including, but not limited to, the following criteria:
1. GPA of 3.0 or greater in the last 60 units of coursework.
 2. Grade of 2.0 or higher in each of the prerequisite courses.
 3. Completion and documentation of at least 100 hours of observation in at least two different athletic training settings under the direct supervision of a certified athletic trainer within two years of the application date.
 4. Three letters of recommendation delineating work ethic, ability to work with others, ability to take direction, previous athletic training experiences, and potential for success in the program. It is recommended that one letter be from a professional in the athletic training field and another letter be from an academic professor.
 5. Well written and composed Personal Statement/Essay that addresses the student's professional goals, reasons for selecting athletic training as a career, an understanding of the challenges facing the athletic training profession, and willingness to work with diverse clients in a variety of athletic training settings.
 6. Professional and thoughtful video submission explaining desire to be a certified athletic trainer and interest in the program.
 7. Organized Resume/CV highlighting applicant's accomplishments.
 8. Adherence to Technical Standards for Admission.
 9. Acceptance final upon receipt of Spring semester grades.
- H. I understand that I must verify that I meet the Technical Standards for Admission or verify that with acceptable accommodation these standards can be met. I understand that should I fail to meet the Technical Standards at any point during my time in the program, I must rectify any deficiencies or seek acceptable accommodation. Appropriate medical clearance and/or documented accommodations may be required prior to continuance in the program
- I. Upon admittance to the program, I understand that I will complete a physical examination administered by an approved health care provider (Cost \$0-\$45). The form for the physical examination will be provided by the program.
- J. I also understand that if I am admitted to the program, I must meet the following program requirements in order to be endorsed for the BOC Examination.
1. Successful completion of academic requirements for a Master of Science in Athletic Training as outlined in the Graduate Bulletin.
 2. Successful completion of the clinical education requirements spread over a minimum of two academic years after admittance to the program This includes a minimum of 6 semesters of academic credit in residence for ENS 689A and B full immersion clinical experiences and ENS 699 A, B, C, and D clinical clerkship experiences.
 3. Successful completion of program integrated clinical proficiency requirements.
 4. On-going maintenance of current certification in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) & AED.

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K. In addition, if I am admitted to the program, I understand that I am expected to:

1. Consider acquiring professional student liability insurance. While SDSU covers student liabilities while participating in the required clinical education courses, we recommend obtaining your own professional liability insurance and carry such insurance in full force during the term of any volunteer work (outside the requirements of ENS 689A and B, and ENS 699A-D). This must be in an amount of no less than \$1 Million per occurrence and \$3 Million annual aggregate. One option for coverage is the Healthcare Providers Service Organization (HPSO). Current student rate is \$25/year. They can be reached at: 1-800-982-9491 or www.hpsso.org
2. Become a student member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association by the start of the program in May. (Annual dues = \$125)
3. Become a member of the Future Athletic Trainers Society within six weeks of the start of the program in May. (Annual dues = \$30-\$40)
4. Pay the respective laboratory fees (additional cost beyond tuition for the course) for educational supplies and equipment used during the ENS 627L and ENS 699A courses. (\$50-\$75 for each lab)
5. Pay for your ATrack subscription on an annual basis to track program progress by the start of the program in May. (Annual dues = \$45)
6. Pay for the National Academy of Sports Medicine (NASM) course materials and exam fees as part of the ENS 670/670L- Corrective Exercise Specialist course. (Reduced cost to SDSU MSAT students is \$495 in the final semester of the program; *regular fee for the course is \$899*)
7. Become familiar with and abide by the Academic and Clinical Policies and Procedures Manuals.
8. Complete an average of 20-25 hours per week at assigned clinical site not including travel time. I understand that during some weeks I may complete more than 20 hours. I understand that I will need my own transportation when I am assigned to an off-campus clinical site.
9. Complete the clinical assignments determined by my assigned preceptor. Absences must be documented via ATrack for medical illnesses and personal and/or family emergencies.
10. Begin and end my clinical assignment when indicated by my preceptor. I understand that this might involve clinical responsibilities that commence in late July and might extend into December/January or June.

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11. Maintain weekly documentation of clinical hours via ATrack. Daily clinical experience hours must be recoded within seven days. Failure to do so may result in forfeiting said hours.
12. Refrain from reporting to my clinical site and classes should I contract an infectious disease or skin condition. I understand that should this occur I must contact my preceptor, Program Director, and Clinical Coordinator as soon as possible and notify them of my absence; and I am required to visit Student Health Services or the team physician for clearance upon my return to the athletic training room and classes.
13. Submit any/all requests for time off in writing via ATrack no later than 14 days before the said request. Requests should be reasonable in nature regarding both the quantity and nature of the request. I realize my preceptor reserves the right to deny any request. Excessive requests for time off may result in disciplinary action.
14. Submit any/all requests for a leave of absence or semester withdrawals in writing. I realize that such requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis and the program administrators reserve the right to deny any request, at which time the student may have to make a decision regarding continuance in the program.
15. Learn and demonstrate integrated clinical proficiencies under the direct supervision of a preceptor while within the confines of the specific techniques/procedures learned. I agree to be publicly supportive and representative of all program affiliations, including athletic trainers, preceptors, program faculty, fellow athletic training students, team physicians, coaches, administration.
16. Maintain a semester GPA of 3.0 or higher while I am in the program. Failure to achieve this standard will result in my being put on academic probation for one semester following the deficient semester GPA. During the probationary semester, I must achieve a semester GPA greater than or equal to 3.0 or I am at risk for dismissal from the program. In addition, a student will only be allowed one probationary semester during the length of the program. More than one probationary semester may result in dismissal from the program.
17. Maintain a grade of B or better in ENS 689 and 699 courses or I will be placed on clinical probation. During the probationary semester, I must attain a "B" letter grade for the subsequent ENS 689 or 699 course, or I will be dismissed from the program.
18. Prioritize program requirements over other commitments not limited to but including: work, extra-curricular activities, and personal travel. Should a conflict arise with work, extra-curricular activities, or personal travel, I must confer with my preceptor, the Program Director, and Clinical Coordinator regarding any extenuating circumstances and obtain prior approval.

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19. Maintain academic and professional ethics including the NATA and CATA Code of Ethics. Breaches of these Codes will result in disciplinary action and may be cause for dismissal from the program.

20. Adhere to any COVID or other infectious disease guidelines as required by SDSU. I understand program requirements regarding COVID precautions may fluctuate depending on CDC, San Diego County, and University guidelines and requirements. Currently, all our clinical sites require the COVID vaccination. Therefore, if you are not vaccinated, it may limit your ability to progress through the program if not vaccinated. You may need to request/apply for a leave of absence or drop from the program should you not be able to meet university or clinical site guidelines.

21. Adhere to SDSU's required proof of immunizations. Please refer to this link for a list of required immunizations.

22. Maintain contact with the Program Director post-graduation for tracking purposes and alumni updates.

I, the undersigned have read the above and enter this agreement of understanding on the date indicated below.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Applicant's Name (please print)

RED ID #

Please scan and upload this file as a PDF to the ATCAS application portal.