

PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION INTO THE GRADUATE ATHLETIC TRAINING CURRICULUM PROGRAM

Students wishing to apply into the Master of Science degree in Athletic Training must first be accepted into Bridgewater State College. Potential graduate students should download the admission packet and three letters of recommendation from the ATEP website at www.bridgew.edu/atep .

A maximum 10 graduate students will be admitted annually into the Professional Program. Students not accepted, but meeting the minimum standards for admission, will be placed on waiting list for admission into the Professional Program should a student choose not to begin the program in the upcoming summer session. Students not meeting the minimum standards for admission may reapply into the ATEP the following year after completing any deficiencies.

In addition to meeting entrance requirements, all students must meet health standards as dictated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. All **full-time students (including full-time graduate students)** must submit a completed student health history and immunization report form to Health Services. Massachusetts immunization laws apply to full-time students of **all ages**. Proof of immunization must be provided by a physician or a prior school, and must include the dates (month and year) of: one dose of tetanus/diphtheria (Td) within the last 10 years, and three doses of hepatitis B, two doses of measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) after the patient's first birthday and after 1967, and one dose of meningitis vaccine (within 5 years) or an signed waiver. [A student, or the student's parent or guardian, if the student is a minor, may opt to sign a waiver which details that the student has received and reviewed information about the risks and dangers of meningococcal disease, has elected to decline the vaccine. Such a waiver must also be submitted **at least two weeks prior** to the beginning of classes.] Serologic proof of immunity will be acceptable. Immunization requirements apply as well to international students attending or visiting classes as part of our academic exchange program.

Students accepted into the ATEP bear all costs associated with admission, didactic, and clinical experiences. These associated costs include:

Liability Insurance	\$35.00 (may be purchased through the ATEP)
CPR and First Aid Cards	\$10.00 (each if taken on-campus) – off-campus classes may exceed \$50 and travel costs
Travel to/from off-campus	Average 15-30 miles one way; students will be paired up when affiliated clinical sites possible to reduce travel expenses
Travel to/from physician's office for orthopedic exams	Averages 15 miles one way and surgical observations
Uniform staff shirts	\$20 – 30 each

Students may be admitted unconditionally or conditionally. As of January, 2009 the following admission criteria is used to determine admission status.

Unconditional General Admission Criteria (Overall gpa of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and GRE scores over 900):

1. Completed and typed or printed application form.
2. Copy of current emergency cardiac care certification that includes the following: adult & pediatric CPR, airway obstruction, 2nd rescuer CPR, AED and barrier devices (E.g., pocket mask, bag value mask). [Students may enroll in ATTR 112 Sports First Aid to attain this certification or you may take an appropriate class through a private vendor.]
3. Three letters of recommendation. You must use the forms supplied in the ATEP application packet. All letters should be mailed directly to the School of Graduate Studies and be received before February 1. Although NOT REQUIRED, you may have one of the recommendations from an athletic trainer who may have supervised you in a clinical setting.
4. Successful completion of prerequisites including: Undergraduate degree from an accredited institution and completed courses in Anatomy & Physiology I and II, Introduction to Athletic Training, Introductory Psychology, Kinesiology/Biomechanics, and Exercise Physiology. If taping and bracing was not a part of the introductory athletic training class, you will be asked to take ATTR 100 Taping and Bracing at Bridgewater State College.
5. Satisfactorily complete personal or telephone interview with members of the ATEP Committee.

Conditional General Admission Criteria (Overall gpa between 2.5 and 2.999 on a 4.0 scale and GRE scores between 600 and 900):

1. Complete all of the items #1-5 as listed above.

Students admitted conditionally must enroll and complete the following classes with a B or better to be retained in the program: ATTR 540, 550, 561, and 562.

All application materials are to be mailed to the School of Graduate Studies and must be received by February 1. Decisions for admissions will be concluded by March 1 in anticipation of starting the Professional ATEP in the second summer school session. The ATEP application forms can be found at www.bridgew.edu/atep/.