

PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION INTO THE UNDERGRADUATE ATHLETIC TRAINING CURRICULUM PROGRAM

Students wishing to apply into the Professional Program in the Bachelor of Science degree in Athletic Training must first be accepted into Bridgewater State College. Pre-professional undergraduate students will be required to complete BIOL 102 Introduction to Zoology during the freshman year and BIOL 251 & 252 Anatomy & Physiology I & II (Prerequisite: BIOL 102) during the sophomore year. These courses are prerequisites for admission into the Professional Program during the spring semester sophomore year. Application into the program and letters of recommendations may be downloaded from the ATEP website at www.bridgew.edu/atep .

A maximum 20 undergraduate students are admitted annually into the Professional Program. Students not accepted, but meeting minimum standards for admission, will be placed on waiting list should a student choose not to begin the program in the upcoming fall session. Students not meeting the minimum standards for admission may reapply into the ATEP the following year after completing any deficiencies, or they may choose to complete an undergraduate degree in a different subject area, and then apply into the entry-level Master of Science degree program in Athletic Training.

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

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)

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. Two letters of recommendation. You must use the forms supplied in the ATEP application packet. All letters should be mailed directly to the Program Director and be received before March 1. Although NOT REQUIRED, you may have one of the recommendations from an athletic trainer who may have supervised you in a clinical setting. At least one recommendation MUST COME from a college professor who has seen your academic work within a classroom setting.
4. Successful completion of prerequisites including:
 - a. 35 semester hours as of the date of application
 - b. BIOL 251 Anatomy & Physiology I. Students may be concurrently enrolled in BIOL 252 Anatomy & Physiology II during the spring semester of application.
 - c. PHED 100 Applied Musculoskeletal Anatomy with a B- or better grade.
 - d. ATTR 100 Taping and Bracing, ATTR 112 Sports First Aid, ATTR 240 Introduction to Athletic Training, and ATTR 241 Level I Clinical Experience in Athletic Training with a B- or better grade.
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):

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 340, 450, and 342.

All application materials are to be mailed to the Program Director and must be received by March 1. Decisions for admissions will be concluded by April 1 in anticipation of starting the Professional ATEP in the fall semester. The ATEP application forms can be found at www.bridgew.edu/atep/.