APPLICATION AND ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE

To apply for the MSAT program you must apply to the UWM Graduate School (https://apply.wisconsin.edu/). The number of students accepted each year will fluctuate (~10-12) in accordance with retention and graduation rates. The program operates on a rolling admissions process and complete applications are reviewed near the first of each month. An interview is required, in person or via tele-conference. Applicants will be accepted until the class has been filled or the application deadline has been reached.

Application Deadline
Applications will be accepted until April 30th of the year of intended program matriculation. (April 30th 2017 for starting in Summer 2017).

In addition to the Graduate School minimum qualifications, applications must meet the following pre-requisites to be eligible for admission to the program:

- Completion of a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution with a cumulative undergraduate 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 point scale)
- Completion of ten prerequisite courses prior to admission, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 point scale)
  - Human anatomy and physiology with lab (6 credits)
  - Introduction to psychology
  - Statistics
  - Chemistry with lab
  - Physics with lab
  - Exercise physiology
  - Biomechanics
  - Introduction to nutrition
  - Motor learning
  - *Applicants currently enrolled in a prerequisite course may be granted conditional admission, pending successful completion of the course and meeting all prerequisite criteria.

It is possible for students earning a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology degree from UWM to have met all of the prerequisite courses needed for a strong foundation on which to build their athletic training education. Up to 25% of slots per year are prioritized for highly qualified students holding a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology degree from UWM.

Application Materials
The following materials are uploaded into the electronic application system of the Graduate School: http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/athletic-training/

- UWM Graduate School online application
  - It is important to review both the admission requirement for the program as well as those from the Graduate School.
- Transcripts from each undergraduate and graduate school attended
- Submission of a reasons statement of their intention of their academic and professional goals, specific interest, relevant skills or training, awards received, etc
- Submission of scores on the general test of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) taken within the last 5 years
- Form verifying the completion of at least 20 hours of observation of athletic training practice with a licensed athletic trainer.
- Letters of recommendation: Submission of two recommendation forms, one from an academic reference, and one from an athletic trainer with whom the applicant completed the majority (>12) of his/her observation hours.

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Applications for the program must submit the Technical Standards for Athletic Training Students (pg 3)

Copy of certification in Emergency Cardiac Care (ECC)
  o ECC certification course must have included adult CPR, pediatric CPR, second rescuer CPR, AED, airway obstruction, barrier devices. A list of acceptable certifications can be found at this website: (http://www.bocatc.org/ats/maintain-certification/emergency-cardiac-care)

Selection Criteria
The following criteria will be used to evaluate and select students for admission:

1. Academic Performance
   a. The cumulative GRE, GPA and transcripts are used to determine the applicant’s potential to meet the academic requirements of the program

2. Interview
   The interview will be evaluated for:
   a. Ability to articulate cohesive and appropriate responses to questions
   b. Ability to reflect on personal attributes
   c. Ability to communicate clearly and professionally

3. Reasons statement
   The responsive essay will be evaluated for:
   a. The appropriateness of the response to the provided statement/question
   b. Demonstration of clear, concise, and organized thoughts
   c. Demonstration of error free grammar and writing style

4. Recommendations
   a. Strength of the recommendation to support the student’s potential for success as a graduate student and future athletic trainer.

Notification of Admission Status
Complete applications will be reviewed on the first of each month, with interviews scheduled on the third Friday of the month.

A Place Holding Fee of $300 is required as a deposit confirming your acceptance of admission and intention to attend UWM. These fees are held in an account that directly benefits student by providing UWM apparel, professional membership dues, and conference registration. Payment is made directly to the Program, and can be sent to: Lori Woodburn, Pavilion 350, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI 53201. This fee is not refundable should a student decide not to attend UWM.

Post-Admission Requirements
Once admitted to the program, students must complete the following prior to participating in classes:

1. Criminal Background Check
   The University is required to perform a criminal background check on students prior to beginning the program. Consistent with Wisconsin’s Caregiver Background Law, individuals with certain convictions may be disqualified from working in hospitals and other health care or care facilities. Such individuals may also be denied national certification and licensure. More information about the Caregiver Background Law is available at: http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/caregiver/index.htm.

   If you have a criminal conviction in your background it may affect your ability to work in certain facilities or obtain certification and licensure. The inability to be placed in facilities may affect your completion of clinical education requirements and thus degree completion. In addition, the existence of disqualifying convictions under the Caregiver Background Law may also affect your eligibility for certification and licensure, and/or your ability to gain employment in this field. It is the student’s responsibility to notify the Program Director if an event occurs while in the program that may change
the results of the criminal background check. You should contact the Program Director as soon as possible to discuss whether you should apply to the program or consider alternative programs.

2. Immunization Verification
Students must provide a document with proof of immunization dates for the following:
- Diphtheria-Tetanus (booster within the last 10 years)
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella (2 doses, titer required)
- Hepatitis B (3 doses)
- Varicella vaccine (titer required)
- Tuberculosis skin test or chest x-ray (two-step test required annually)
- Influenza vaccine (required annually)
*Meningococcal (not required, but recommended)

3. Physical Examination
Prior to beginning the program students must provide proof of a physical examination being completed within the past year. One reason for the physical examination is to have a licensed and qualified health care provider verify that, to the best of his/her ability based on a routine physical examination, the student meets the Technical Standards for Athletic Training Students (with or without reasonable accommodation). The Technical Standards for Athletic Training Students-Healthcare Provider Verification form must be signed by the person who administered the physical exam within the last year. Students must have a physical examination completed annually (at the Norris Student Health Center or from a provider of choice). Any changes in health status that may affect the student’s ability to meet the Technical Standards must be disclosed to the Program Director immediately.