

Kinesiology/Athletic Training, M.S.

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Learn more about the Master of Science in Kinesiology.

About the Program

The mission of the post-professional graduate Athletic Training program offered by the Temple University Department of Kinesiology is to broaden the applied and experiential knowledge and skills of certified athletic trainers, expand the athletic training body of knowledge, and disseminate new knowledge in the discipline. This program does not allow students to take the Board of Certification exam. Applicants interested in becoming a certified athletic trainer should consider the Master of Science in Athletic Training (M.S.A.T.) degree program.

Time Limit for Degree Completion: 4 years

Campus Location: Main, with at least one course (KINS 8349 Cadaver Anatomy) offered at the Health Sciences Center or School of Podiatric Medicine campus

Full-Time/Part-Time Status: Students are expected to complete their two years of coursework on a full-time basis.

Interdisciplinary Study: Interdisciplinary study is available within the Department of Kinesiology and through other departments in the University.

Ranking: While rankings of individual programs and the department are not conducted in the profession, the programs at Temple University have excellent reputations. The M.S. program was first accredited in 1988.

Accreditation: The post-professional graduate Athletic Training program at Temple University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE).

Areas of Specialization: The Athletic Training concentration in Kinesiology promotes three areas of distinctiveness: athletic training leadership, brain injury, and evidence-based medicine (EBM) research. These areas are based on program faculty expertise and available facilities.

Job Prospects: Job and advanced degree opportunities are both forwarded to students when received by program faculty and posted on the program's Canvas page. All recent graduates of the M.S. program are working in various clinical settings or seeking advanced degrees.

Licensure: All students working as certified athletic trainers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania need to be licensed by the state. For more information about licensure, see <https://www.pals.pa.gov/>.

Non-Matriculated Student Policy: Non-matriculated students are permitted to take up to 9 credits in the department, provided they have the requisite knowledge to be successful in the coursework.

Financing Opportunities: Assistantship duties include, but are not limited to, teaching activity courses in a variety of movement forms and sports; teaching laboratory sections of undergraduate courses such as Biomechanics or Human Anatomy and Physiology; and serving as a research assistant in a research laboratory.

Admission Requirements and Deadlines

Application Deadline:

Fall: March 1

All applicants to the M.S. in Kinesiology with a concentration in Athletic Training must apply via the Athletic Training Centralized Application Service (ATCAS). The system can be accessed at <https://atcas.liaisoncas.com/>. Applications are processed throughout the year as they are received. Admission to the M.S. program is a rolling process such that, beginning in the Fall, applications are reviewed and offers of admission are extended, continuing until the cohort is filled. Thus, it is in the applicant's best interest to apply early.

Letters of Reference:

Number Required: 2

From Whom: Applicants must submit two professional reference letters. Typically, referees are college/university faculty or immediate work supervisor who can provide insight into the applicant's abilities, talents, and aptitude for graduate study.

Bachelor's Degree in Discipline/Related Discipline: The post-professional graduate Athletic Training program at Temple University is a CAATE-accredited graduate program that is designed to accommodate both BOC-certified athletic trainers and BOC "certification eligible" athletic trainers (i.e., those who graduated from an accredited undergraduate athletic training program). All applicants must present credentials that are the equivalent of the athletic training professional entry-level degree.

Statement of Goals: A statement of one to two pages should be clearly written.

Standardized Test Scores:

GRE/MAT: Required. Scores of 150 each are preferred on the verbal and quantitative sections. Occasionally, students with lower totals are accepted if undergraduate work and/or other life experiences suggest a high degree of probability of success in the graduate program. These scores must be reported directly through ATCAS.

Applicants who earned their baccalaureate degree from an institution where the language of instruction was other than English, with the exception of those who subsequently earned a master's degree at a U.S. institution, must report scores for a standardized test of English that meet these minimums:

- TOEFL iBT: 79
- IELTS Academic: 6.5
- PTE Academic: 53
- Duolingo: 110

Clearances: The Athletic Training concentration in the Kinesiology M.S. requires students to complete clinical/field education experiences. Students are expected to have current PA certification to practice and are required to have immunization records, a physical exam, criminal background checks, and Act 33/34 clearances. Students may also be required to maintain personal health insurance and have a drug screen. The results of these requirements may limit and potentially eliminate placement options for the student, thus resulting in her/his ability to meet graduation requirements. The College cannot ensure clinical field placements if the individual fails to meet the requirements or maintain health insurance.

Interview: An interview is scheduled at a mutually convenient time between the faculty interviewer(s) and the applicant. Master's applicants interview by telephone or video chat.

Resume: Current resume required.

Transfer Credit: Relevant graduate courses taken at other accredited universities may be considered for transfer credit to the student's program. The maximum number of credits a student may transfer is 6.

Program Requirements

General Program Requirements:

Number of Credits Required Beyond the Baccalaureate: 36

Required Courses:

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
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| Core Courses | | |
| EPSY 8625 | Intermediate Educational Statistics | 3 |
| HRPR 5001 | Current and Emerging Issues in Public Health and Health Professions | 0 |
| KINS 5202 | Biomechanical Skeletal Tissue | 3 |
| KINS 8300 | Seminar in Athletic Training/Sport Medicine (4 terms) ¹ | 4 |
| KINS 8343 | Orthopedics in Athletic Training/Sports Medicine | 3 |
| KINS 8344 | Rehabilitation Methods and Techniques for Sports-Related Injuries | 3 |
| KINS 8348 | Lab Tech in Ath Train | 3 |
| KINS 8349 | Cadaver Anatomy | 3 |
| KINS 9287 | Athletic Training/Sports Medicine Practicum I | 2 |
| KINS 9288 | Athletic Training/Sports Medicine Practicum II | 2 |
| KINS 9901 | Research Methods in Kinesiology | 3 |
| Independent Research and Elective ² | | 4 |
| Research Course | | |
| KINS 9995 | Master's Research in Kinesiology | 3 |
| Total Credit Hours | | 36 |

¹ One credit of KINS 8300 is taken each of the four academic terms of the program.

² Students have a choice in how to fulfill 4 of the required 36 credits needed to complete the degree program. They may choose to take 4 credits of KINS 9882 Independent Research under the mentorship of an athletic training faculty member. This cannot be related to the student's master's research project and must be approved by the program director. Alternately, they may register for 1 credit of KINS 9882 and a 3-credit elective.

Minimum Grade to be Earned for All Required Courses: B-**Culminating Event:***Master's Research Project:*

The master's research project is a mentored research experience that results in an oral and written defense of results. Taken for 3 credits, KINS 9995 Master's Research in Kinesiology is designed to allow students to create and defend an independent research project that may be published and/or presented at the local, state, and/or national level. Evaluation of the project is by a two-person committee as pass/fail.

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<https://www.temple.edu/academics/degree-programs/kinesiology-ms-hp-kins-ms>

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