

Master of Athletic Training (MAT) Program
Department of Health & Human Performance
University of Houston

Application Acknowledgment Form

Criteria for evaluation to the MAT program will be determined by the summation of the applicant's overall MAT program application score based on the categories listed below (see Section II). Applicants are ranked by the MAT program Selection and Retention Committee using a tier-based system. Applicants in the top tier, as determined by exceeding in areas such as GPA, letters of recommendation, and phone/virtual interview will be given the highest priority for admission. Applicants in the middle tier will receive priority if program placement spots remain after top-tier applicants have been offered a position. Applicants in the lower tier will be offered a spot if top- and middle-tier applicants have not filled all program spots. Applicants may not be tiered based on low GPA or unsatisfactory letters of recommendation or phone/virtual interview.

**For application deadlines please refer to the application process page on the MAT program website (hhp.uh.edu/mat).*

I.PERSONAL INFORMATION:

(Please type or neatly print all information)

Today's Date: _____

Name:

(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

II.CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION:

Each applicant will be evaluated on three (3) categories: academic performance with overall GPA making up 30% and prerequisite GPA making up 40%, letters of recommendation making up 10%, and personal statement making up 5% , and virtual interview making up 15% of an applicant's total score. The tiered system used for evaluation of applicants by the MAT Program Selection and Retention Committee is as follows: *Applicants will be evaluated on the successful completion of their overall undergraduate degree GPA (overall GPA **must** be a 2.75 or higher), with specific emphasis placed on the "Required Prerequisite Courses", in particular Anatomy & Physiology 1 (A&P 1); Anatomy & Physiology 2 (A&P 2); Biomechanics; Exercise Science; Motor Learning, and Statistics. **Grades for A&P 1 and A&P 2 must be at a level of "B-" or higher.***

III. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EVALUATION:

Please enter the following information:

University Awarding Undergraduate Degree: _____

Undergraduate Degree Major: _____

Overall Undergraduate GPA (out of a 4.0 scale): _____

<u>Required Courses</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Course Prefix and Title</u>
General Biology (3 hrs)			
Chemistry (3 hrs)			
Physics (3 hrs)			
A&P 1 w/lab (4 hrs)			
A&P 2 w/lab (4 hrs)			
Biomechanics (3 hrs)			
Exercise Physiology (3 hrs)			
Motor Learning (3 hrs)			
Nutrition (3 hrs)			
Psychology (3 hrs)			
Statistics (3 hrs)			

IV. LETTER OF INTENT/PERSONAL STATEMENT

The Personal Statement is used to provide the MAT Program Selection and Retention Committee with more insight specific to:

1. Why you have chosen Athletic Training as a career path?
2. Why you have chosen the MAT at the University of Houston?
3. What your career and educational goals and expectations are after graduation?
4. Your previous experiences as they relate directly to Athletic Training?

The Personal Statement should be no more than 2 pages, typed and single spaced. The Personal Statement ***will not be used*** for scoring purposes; rather, it provides a way for the MAT Program Selection and Retention Committee to obtain more information about each applicant.

This personal statement is a reflection of you. Please take this opportunity to introduce yourself to the committee. Use this letter to inform the committee of your passion towards both the field of Athletic Training and your graduate school education.

V. PERSONAL REFERENCES:

Each applicant ***must*** submit three (2) letters of recommendation to be turned in with the completed ATCAS application. The letters of recommendation will serve to assist the MAT Program Selection and Retention Committee in further understanding each applicant’s strengths and weaknesses, and how the applicant will be able to effectively contribute to both the MAT Program and the Athletic Training profession. ***It is strongly suggested that you request a recommendation letter from a faculty member and/or previous educator, a Certified Athletic Trainer, and an outside (i.e. non-AT) supervisor. This combination will allow the MAT Program Selection and Retention Committee to review evaluations of the applicant in the academic, clinical and work ethic categories.*** The letters of recommendation will not be used for scoring purposes. Please ensure that the recommending individuals provide the following information in the letters of recommendation:

1. Evaluator’s Name
2. Position
3. How long have you known the applicant
4. In what capacity have you known the applicant (personal, professional, etc.)
5. Any other pertinent information the evaluator may feel is important to know about the applicant.

VI. HIGHLIGHT ANY RELEVANT ATHLETIC TRAINING EXPERIENCES:

Please use this section to provide the MAT Program Selection and Retention Committee with any additional items of support for your application.

For examples of what might be include in this section, please refer back to Section II of this application.

VII. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

I certify that all information provided in this application and its supporting documents best portray me as an individual applying to the MAT Program. Any false statements or intentional misrepresentations will result in the denial of my application.

Applicant Signature

Date