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Master of Science in Athletic Training

Prerequisites

Students entering this graduate program are expected to have appropriate academic preparation prior to beginning academic coursework in athletic training. The following courses are listed using Montana State University Billings rubrics and course titles. Transcript evaluation will be done by the graduate faculty to determine fulfillment of prerequisite knowledge in these areas. The course description and/or syllabus will be used to determine acceptance.

Courses	Credits
Human Physiology and Anatomy I and II and Labs	each 3 & 1
Exercise Physiology	3
Kinesiology or Biomechanics	3

1. Students must complete a plan of study for the Office of Graduate Studies and Research
2. Students must have a physical examination with the technical standards evaluation form completed within the past six months or upon acceptance into the program.
3. It is recommended that the students have a Hepatitis B Vaccination, if not they must sign a waiver form.
4. A two-year (five semester) minimum time period must be allowed for the completion of the required clinical hours once the student is admitted into the program.

Program Retention Requirements

Students must be enrolled in the Athletic Training Education Program a minimum of five (5) semesters.

- Students must maintain current CPR and First Aid certifications.
- Students must have an **annual** physical examination to verify technical standards.
- Students must take the University and affiliated site, Blood Borne Pathogen Training each year.
- Students must maintain MMR immunizations and current 30 day TB test.
- Students must maintain personal liability insurance 1 & 3 million.
- Students must maintain a **3.00** cumulative GPA.
- Students must complete field experience each semester over two annual years. (1000 hours)
- Students must complete a thesis or research project under the supervision of department faculty.
- Students must pass all clinical experience evaluations.
- Students must read and sign the policy and procedure manual.

Student Learning and Outcomes Assessment

The National Athletic Training Association (NATA), the Board of Certification (BOC) for Athletic Training and Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Athletic Training (JRC-AT) have set the benchmarks for education, exam preparation and professional practice. The MSU Billings athletic training program seeks to meet and exceed the educational requirements presented in the NATA competencies and proficiencies and the expanded educational areas listed by the JRC-AT. The program seeks further to produce athletic trainers who possess the ability to function as entry-level athletic trainers in accordance with the current role delineation study, but also have the ability to conduct and evaluate research in the athletic training field.

Students who complete the Montana State University – Billings Master of Science in Athletic Training will:

- Demonstrate the knowledge, skills and abilities as defined in the competencies and proficiencies established by NATA.
- Engage in critical thinking and clinical decision making.
- Communicate with the public and other medical and health professionals.
- Appreciate the need for professional and community involvement.
- Demonstrate and appreciate research related to athletic training.

Outcome assessments are conducted in each course, during clinical experiences, and at the conclusion of the research project or thesis.

The athletic training program has been granted Initial Accreditation by the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Athletic Training and has received a five year accreditation by the Commission On Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). Students are eligible to sit for the BOC examination. Starting July 2006 accreditation is by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, CAATE.

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