

# GVSU Master of Athletic Training (MAT)

## Prerequisite Equivalencies to

Courses completed at a non-GVSU institution must be equivalent to the GVSU course code for each required prerequisite.

Required Prerequisite Courses	GVSU Course Code	Course Code
Intro to Athletic Training	ATH 217	
General Biology I with a lab	BIO 120	
Basic Nutrition	BMS 105	
Anatomy & Physiology I <i>and</i> II	<u>Option A:</u> BMS 250 <i>and</i> BMS 251	
	<u>Option B:</u> BMS 208 <i>and</i> BMS 290	
Introductory Chemistry with a lab	<u>Option A:</u> CHM 109	
	<u>Option B:</u> CHM 125 <i>and</i> CHM 126 & CHM 127 <i>and</i> CHM 128	
Kinesiology or Basic Biomechanics	MOV 300	
Introduction to Exercise Physiology	MOV 304	
Physics for Life Sciences with a lab	<u>Option A:</u> PHY 200	
	<u>Option B:</u> PHY 220 <i>and</i> PHY 221	
Introductory Psychology	PSY 101	
Introductory Applied Statistics	STA 215	

Not sure if your course is an equivalent? Visit our Course Equivalency Website. If you don't see your course or institution listed, you can request a review by sending an electronic official transcript to [adm-transcripts@gvsu.edu](mailto:adm-transcripts@gvsu.edu) or mailed to:

*Registrar's Office  
150 Student Services  
1 Campus Drive  
Allendale, MI 49401*

Additional information can be found on the Transferring Credit to GVSU page or email questions to [mat@gvsu.edu](mailto:mat@gvsu.edu).

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### Admissions Process

Grand Valley State University's (GVSU) Master of Athletic Training (MAT) program utilizes the Athletic Trainers Centralized Application System (ATCAS) for the application process. Please refer to [www.atcas.liaisoncas.com](http://www.atcas.liaisoncas.com) to get general information about the ATCAS process. GVSU specific admission requirements are posted within the application on ATCAS. Students may begin their application when the ATCAS portal opens in July of their application year.

Application and all supporting documents for ATCAS and GVSU have a receipt deadline of October 15. It is strongly recommended that applicants submit application materials 4-6 weeks prior to October 15 to allow for ATCAS processing time. Applications "Verified" by the application date will be given preference. Late applications will be considered until seats in the program are filled.

### Program Eligibility

- **Completion of a Bachelor's Degree:** Applicants must complete their undergraduate degree before August 15 (unless in the combined degree program). You can be in the process of completing your degree at the time of application. If you are in the process of completing your bachelor's degree, you would be a conditional admit, meaning you will be admitted if you complete the requirement(s) before the start of the professional program.
  - A minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA is required.
  - We recommend that combined degree student applicants complete a minimum of 108 credits before the start of the professional program.
- **Completion of Prerequisite Coursework:** Applicants can find a list of the [MAT prerequisite courses](#).
  - Any non-GVSU course that is a prerequisite must be a direct [course equivalent](#) to GVSU. If you don't see your course listed within our Course Equivalency Guide website, please email [mat@gvsu.edu](mailto:mat@gvsu.edu) to inquire about equivalency.
  - All prerequisites must be completed for letter grades. For each prerequisite course, a grade of C or higher is required.
  - Prerequisite coursework must be completed before the start of the academic program in June.
- **Effective Communication and Interpersonal Skills:** Applicants will be evaluated throughout the application process for their demonstration of effective communication and interpersonal skills.
- **Technical Standards:** Applicants must have the ability to perform all [technical standards](#) of the athletic training program.
- **Review the Current GVSU MAT Graduate Student Handbook:** Applicants will be required to review the current [MAT Graduate Student Handbook](#) before application. Students are also encouraged to review the [GVSU Health Compliance Policy](#), which includes information regarding immunization, drug screen, and background check requirements.
- **Official Transcripts:** Applicants must submit ALL official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended to ATCAS.
  - For further information on transcript(s) submission, please go to the [ATCAS Applicant Help Center](#).
- **Resume/CV:** Submission of a current resume.
- **Personal Statement:** Applicants must submit a personal statement. Personal statements should be no longer than 2 pages.
- **Two Letters of Recommendation:** Submission of only two references through the ATCAS electronic application (under recommendations). Applicants will input the name and email address of the individual who will complete their letter of recommendation. An applicant's application will not be considered complete until letters have been received.
  - At least one reference must be a licensed athletic trainer with whom you have worked/job shadowed/volunteered. All references will complete and return the electronic form on their own to ATCAS.
- **Observation Hours:** Submission of documentation (See GVSU AT Hour Verification Form below) of volunteer/work/job shadow hours of a licensed athletic trainer. Applicants will need a minimum of 35 hours of post-secondary school.
  - Applicants will use the '[GVSU AT Hour Verification Form](#)' to upload to their ATCAS application.
  - All hours must be completed before the start of the professional program. Preference will be given to those who have completed their hours before applying.
- **Writing Sample:** Completion of one writing sample (located within ATCAS, under Questions in the Program Requirement section).
- **International Students:** The GVSU MAT program is unable to accept international students at this time due to federal requirements regarding online education.

Applicants are encouraged to review the full application details by visiting the Athletic Training Program website.

[www.gvsu.edu/athletictraining](http://www.gvsu.edu/athletictraining)

The Master of Athletic Training program resides in the College of Health Professions (CHP).

For more information or to meet with a CHP Student Services Academic Advisor, please call (616) 331-5900

Visit our website at [www.gvsu.edu/chpss](http://www.gvsu.edu/chpss)