

Memorandum of Understanding
Early Admission Decision Initiative for the Master of Athletic Training
Program in the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences
School of Health Professions
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

The School of Health Professions (SHP) at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) and the Sports Medicine (Athletic Training) Department at Texas Tech University (TTU) Athletic Department will cooperate in an *Early Admission Decision* initiative to allow qualified TTU Athletic Training students to apply for and be considered for early admission to the Master of Athletic Training (MAT) program within the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences. Enrollment in the MAT program does not occur until after the student successfully completes all admission requirements, graduates from TTU and meets the requirements listed below.

To be eligible to apply for early admission, the TTU Athletic Training student applicant must meet the following criteria by the end of the applicant's sophomore year (defined as having attained the TTU definition of rank of junior, i.e., at least 60 credit hours) the applicant must:

1. possess a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or higher; and
2. possess a GPA of 3.00 or higher in prerequisite courses for the MAT program.
3. have completed 50 clinical observation hours post high school (this meets the total number of hours required by the MAT program)

The Associate Athletic Director for Sports Medicine at TTU must notify the MAT Program Director of applicants who will be applying by October 1st. Application will be through ATCAS and the TTUHSC supplemental application. All materials must be submitted, and verified by ATCAS no later than November 1st of the applicant's junior year. Additionally,

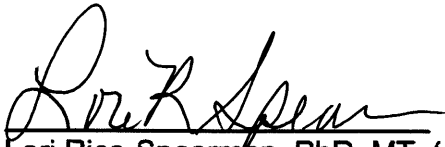
All eligible *Early Admissions Decision* applicants will be interviewed by members of the MAT Admissions Committee. Applicants who pass the interview will be offered provisional early admission to the program with the following stipulations:

1. The applicant must complete all of the program's required prerequisite course work as a component of their TTU baccalaureate degree, prior to graduation.
2. The applicant must continue to serve as an Athletic Training student in the TTU Athletic Department.
3. At the end of the Fall semester of their senior year, the applicant must have:
 - a. a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.70 or higher; and
 - b. a GPA of 2.70 or higher in all completed prerequisite course work for the MAT program.

The Admissions Committee for the MAT program will apply the same prerequisite requirements, clinical observation hours, standards and procedures to all applicants, including *Early Admission Decision* applicants.

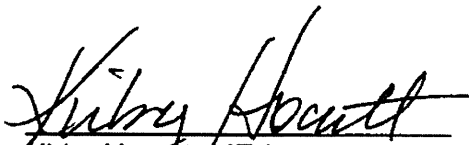
Applicants who receive and accept a provisional early admission offer must commit to enroll in the designated TTUHSC SHP program and may not apply to similar programs at another university or college. Applying to a similar program at another university or college will nullify their early admission offer to the TTUHSC SHP MAT program.

Early Admission Decision applicants are encouraged to review application requirements for the MAT program. This information is available at the TTUHSC website and the SHP catalog.



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