

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM TRANSITION TO THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING

#### Prospective Athletic Training Students (First Year or Transfer) Enrolling in 2019-2020

1. **I'm a student entering CMU in the Fall 2019 or Spring 2020 semester. Can I complete the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training (BSAT) to be eligible for the certification exam and practice as an Athletic Trainer?**

Yes. Students entering CMU in the Fall 2019 or Spring 2020 semesters can complete the BSAT and will not have to obtain a Master's degree to be eligible for the exam and practice as an Athletic Trainer.

2. **Why should I attend CMU to obtain a Bachelor's degree in Athletic Training when I can go elsewhere to obtain a Master's degree in Athletic Training?**

You will complete the eligibility requirements for the certification examination in four years as compared to five or more at institutions offering a Master's degree in Athletic Training. Students entering CMU in the Fall 2019 or Spring 2020 semesters can complete the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training (BSAT) and will not have to obtain a Master's degree to be eligible for the exam and practice as an Athletic Trainer.

3. **What is the timeline for implementation of the Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) at CMU?**

CMU anticipates transitioning to the Entry-Level Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) in Fall 2020.

4. **I will be a first-year student at CMU in Fall 2020 (or beyond). Can I complete the Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT)?**

Yes. Students entering CMU as a first-year student may pursue the 3+2 program (3 years undergraduate and 2 years graduate) that combines a Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training (BSAT) with a Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT). When students complete the graduate coursework, they will be awarded a BSAT and MSAT.

5. **In the 3+2 Program, will the cost for undergraduate level courses (3 years) be different than for the graduate level courses (2 years)?**

Courses taken in years 1-4 of the program will be assessed at the undergraduate rate. Courses taken after year 4 will be assessed at the graduate rate.

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**6. I have completed my Bachelor's degree outside of Athletic Training. Can I complete the Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) at CMU?**

Yes. Students who have already earned a Bachelor's degree and completed the prerequisite courses can apply directly to the Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) starting Fall 2022. Once accepted, students will begin coursework in the summer and continue a year-round curriculum for an additional two years. Upon completion of the 65 credit-hour graduate program, they will be awarded an MSAT.

**7. I am a transfer student looking to pursue athletic training at CMU. Can I complete the Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT)?**

Yes. Transfer students should meet with an Athletic Training advisor to determine a plan of study. Transfer courses will be examined to determine best route to complete the Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT).

**Current Athletic Training Students**

**1. I'm currently in CMU's Athletic Training program. Will I need to also obtain a master's degree before I can be eligible for the certification examination and practice as an Athletic Trainer?**

No. Current students enrolled in a Bachelor's program will not have to obtain a Master's degree to be eligible for the exam and practice as an Athletic Trainer.

**Current Athletic Trainers**

**1. I'm a certified/licensed Athletic Trainer. I have a Bachelor's degree. Do I have to go back to school to get a Master's degree?**

No. Current Athletic Trainers will not need to earn a Master's degree to satisfy this new standard. This change in degree level will affect future athletic training students. It will take no less than seven years for the change to occur, so the first students who will be impacted are not yet in high school.

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