

Policy Title: Minimum Criteria for Admission to the ATEP		Approved Signature(s): Department Chair, Athletic Training	
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Section: Academic Admission

Subject: Minimum Criteria for Admission into the ATEP

Purpose: To define the minimum criteria for admission into the Athletic Training Education Program.

Policy:

Appointments

The number of appointments to the program at SBU will vary from year to year depending on space availability and appropriate supervisory capacity according to accreditation standards.

Disclaimers and Waivers

Selection into the ATEP is competitive and successful completion of identified criteria is not a guarantee of acceptance into the professional phase of the program. Students not meeting the established minimum criteria may write an appeal letter directly to the Athletic Training Department establishing grounds for consideration. Submission of an appeal letter should not be constructed as a guarantee that the minimum criteria will be waived or modified. All appeal letters are considered solely on a case-by-case basis.

Admission Criteria

To be considered as a candidate for admission into the program, a student must have completed and submitted the following: (All forms are available upon request or at the website: <http://www.sbuniv.edu/cosm/at/>)

1. Declared major in Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training at SBU
2. Minimum of 2 semesters completed.
3. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.500.
4. Completion of the following courses with a grade C or better in each (course listings are specific to SBU):
HPE 3092 Standard First Aid
ATH 2013 Introduction to Athletic Training
BIO 1004 Principles of Biology
5. Completion of a directed observer program. Transfer students admission will be based upon experience.
6. Evaluation of the student within the directed observer program by the athletic trainer that supervised the most hours. Transfer students will have to obtain an evaluation form (via website or mailed from the Athletic Training Department). The institutions Head Athletic Trainer must fill out this form.
7. Proof of eligibility of ADA Technical Standards for Admission to the ATEP
8. Program's Physical Exam Form
9. Immunization records of:
Hepatitis B (initiation of the series is also acceptable with the documentation of completion appropriately and timely submitted)
Measles
Mumps
Rubella
Tetanus

Diphtheria

- 10. Copy of current First Aid/CPR Certification.
- 11. Transcripts meeting minimum criteria. Current students at Southwest Baptist University must submit transcripts independent from their prospective advisor. Note: Students not currently enrolled at SBU will need to complete and submit formal application to the University including official transcripts and paying appropriate fees.
- 12. Transfer students must be accepted to Southwest Baptist University to be considered for entry into the program

After meeting these requirements, acceptance into the program is based upon 6 weighted criteria. Students with the top scores will be considered for admission into the program. (Number based on amount of eligible seats). The weighted criteria are:

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| 1. | Overall Grade Point Average (1 pt/.1pt GPA) | 25 (2.5) to 40 (4.0) pts |
| 2. | Completion of the Application Packet (2 pts/item) | 20 pts |
| 3. | Directed Observer Evaluation Form (5 pts/category) | 70 pts |
| | Transfer students are evaluated by the ATC that observed most of their hours | |
| 4. | Interview with Admissions Committee | 112 pts |
| 5. | Essay - <i>Why do I want to be an Athletic Trainer?</i> - evaluated by the Program Director | 30 pts |
| 6. | Overall Athletic Training Potential - evaluated by the Program Director | 20 pts |
| | Total possible points | 272 - 292 pts |