**ATHLETIC TRAINING (MAT) APPLICATION AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Program Admissions

Applications for admission into the MAT in Athletic Training program are accepted beginning in the year prior to beginning courses and extend through the summer pending space availability (July 1 deadline).

Initial application to the athletic training program can be made through the ATCAS system ([ATCAS | Applicant Login Page Section (liaisoncas.com)](https://atcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login)). Once the application is complete and evaluated by the Southern Athletic Training Program Director, you will be instructed to apply to the Southern Connecticut State University Graduate School for final admission into the graduate school. Applications must be made through the Southern Connecticut State University Graduate Admissions website [Graduate Admissions | Southern Connecticut State University (southernct.edu)](https://www.southernct.edu/grad/admissions). Documents can be uploaded directly to the Graduate Admissions website.

Departmental Admission Requirements

1. Submission of all official transcripts demonstrating successful completion of a bachelor’s degree prior to beginning of professional courses in July of the student’s first year and an overall GPA of 3.0 or better. Students from foreign countries should visit the SCSU Graduate Admissions website for the applicable entrance requirements.
2. Successful completion (C- or better) of all prerequisite coursework prior to beginning the graduate curriculum. Students completing prerequisite courses at the time of application can be offered conditional acceptance pending course completion. The School of Graduate and Professional Studies will only grant full admittance when all grades are official and final transcripts have been submitted.
* Anatomy and Physiology (8 credits including lab)
* Nutrition or Exercise & Nutrition (3 credits)
* Chemistry (4 credits including lab)
* Physics (4 credits including lab)
* Psychology (3 credits)
* Additional Biology course with lab outside of Anatomy & Physiology (4 credits)
1. A personal statement is required from each student that provides one’s reasons for applying to the program and defines one’s characteristics as a person, student and future health care provider as well as your feelings regarding your anticipated ability to succeed in a rigorous and time-intensive program.
2. A student seeking admission must meet with or without reasonable accommodations technical standards established to insure graduates are capable of fulfilling physical and mental requirements for professional practice. These include abilities and skills in five categories: observation, communication, motor, intellectual and behavioral/social. Students must have a physician verify their ability to meet these technical standards with or without reasonable accommodations on a signed submitted technical standards form which is available on the Athletic Training Program website. If there any questions, please contact the Athletic Training Program Director at rothbardm1@southernct.edu. Candidates requiring accommodations should contact the *SCSU Center for Academic Success and Accessibility Services(CASAS)* at [Accessibility Services | Southern Connecticut State University (southernct.edu)](https://inside.southernct.edu/casas/accessibility-services). Information regarding the process and policies can be found on the *DRC website.*
3. Demonstrate current Emergency Cardiac Care certification (CPR) that must be at the basic life support level (BLS) and must include adult and pediatric CPR, 2nd rescuer CPR, ARD, barrier devices (ie pocket mask), and demonstrated skills (online courses are acceptable if skills are demonstrated and tested by a certified instructor and a voice-assisted manikin. Examples of acceptable emergency cardiac care certifications include BLS Health Care Provide by the American Heart Association or BLS for Healthcare Providers or CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer by the American Red Cross. Certification must be maintained until graduation.

Program Retention Requirements

1. All students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 or better until graduation. Students with a GPA below 3.0 will be placed on probation and will be removed from the program if the GPA is not to a 3.0 before the conclusion of the following semester. Students will not be approved by the MAT Program Director to register for the Board of Certification Inc Examination while on probation. Students must have a GPA to successfully earn the MAT degree.
2. Earn at least a B- in all professional courses. Any student failing to earn a B- may not enroll in any course for which that course is a prerequisite and the student must retake the course.
3. Prior to graduation, each student will be required to pass a comprehensive examination. The comprehensive examination will consist of a written and/or oral section(s) that will be given prior to the onset of the student’s final spring semester. Successful completion ( B or better) of the comprehensive examination will be required for the student to complete the degree requirements and graduate from the program. In accordance with the SCSU Graduate School Policy, students will be permitted a maximum of two attempts to successfully complete the examinations.
4. Students are responsible for any costs associated with maintaining CPR, transportation to and from clinical experience sites and professional clothing.