

All prospective students applying to the UNO Graduate Athletic Training Program must complete and submit *all* of the following items to be considered for admission.

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE UNO GRADUATE SCHOOL BY THE APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 15th, 2017

**** All materials are submitted directly to the UNO Graduate School. ****

Requirements for Admission to the UNO Graduate Athletic Training Program:

1. Prerequisites: Fulfill undergraduate prerequisites (“deficiencies”) with a “C” or better.
 - a. Grades of “B” or better are *strongly* recommended.
 - b. See the “Prerequisites” page for additional information.
 - c. Contact Melanie McGrath with any questions regarding prerequisite courses.
2. Complete a *minimum* of 25 hours of observation with a certified athletic trainer (ATC).
 - a. These hours should be completed in the 12-month period prior to application to the program. For students with more than 25 hours, a minimum of 25 hours must be completed in the 12-month period prior to application.
3. Minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) is required for unconditional admission.
 - a. Students with a 2.70-2.99 cumulative GPA may apply and be admitted provisionally. Provisional admission typically means that the admitted student must maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher, and earn “B” or higher on all courses, during the first 12 credit hours of graduate coursework.
4. Minimum cumulative score on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test of 287 (Verbal + Quantitative).
 - a. A cumulative score of 300 is preferred for applicants to the UNO Graduate ATP.
 - b. Scores **must be received** by the application deadline. The Educational Testing Service (ETS) that administers the GRE recommends allowing 15-21 days from the time you take the GRE for the score to arrive at the Graduate School. Therefore, applicants should plan on taking the GRE General Test prior to December 26th, 2016.
 - c. Remember to have your scores sent to UNO!
5. Fill out application for Graduate Studies at UNO **
 - a. **See the “Application” tab for specific instructions on how to complete the application.**
 - b. The application can be found online at: <https://apply.unomaha.edu/>
 - c. Be sure to select “Summer 2017”, “Graduate”, “Master’s Degree”, and then “Athletic Training-MA” for the correct application.
 - d. Submit all required information, including:
 - i. Personal information
 - ii. Residency

- iii. Educational History
 - iv. Transcripts (unofficial for application)
 - v. Documents and Supplemental Information
 - 1. Athletic Training Observation hours
 - 2. Other allied health experience
 - 3. CPR and First Aid certifications
 - a. Students must hold current certification in “Standard First Aid”, and “CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer”, from the American Red Cross prior to the first day of class if accepted.
 - b. Certification in CPR and First Aid is not required for applicants, but is strongly recommended.
 - 4. Professional organization memberships/certifications, other extracurricular activities
 - 5. Upload a “Statement of Purpose”
 - vi. Contact information for Recommenders
 - vii. Submit UNO Graduate Application fee (paid online)
6. Unofficial transcripts may be used during the application process, however Official Transcripts must be sent after acceptance to the program. Once you are accepted, arrange to have official transcripts from *all* academic institutions attended sent directly to the UNO Office of Graduate Studies. Hand carried or student submitted credentials are not acceptable. Transcripts should be sent to:

***University of Nebraska at Omaha
Office of Graduate Studies, EAB 203
6001 Dodge Street
Omaha, NE 68182***

7. Provide the names and contact information for two (2) people that will provide letters of recommendation to the Office of Graduate Studies. These individuals should address why you would make an excellent athletic training student in those letters.
- a. **See the “Application” tab for specific instructions for the letters of recommendation.**
 - b. The applicant will submit the name, title, and contact information for both individuals that will be providing the letters of recommendation.
 - c. The Graduate School will contact these individuals via email, and will include instructions on how to send the letters of recommendation electronically to the Office of Graduate Studies.
8. Any applicants that are currently enrolled in a prerequisite (“deficiency”) course must send in a Deficiency Report for that course. This Deficiency Report must be sent *directly* to the Athletic Training Education Program (HPER 207, 6001 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 68182). **Deficiency Reports must be received *no later than February 15th, 2017.***

****International students should consult the Office of International Studies & Programs (world.unomaha.edu) prior to application. See international admissions requirements on Page 8 of Graduate Catalog or online Graduate Catalog. Additional information for International applicants can be found above under the "International Students" tab. International applicants are recommended to have a TOEFL score of 80 or higher (internet-based test) or 550 or higher (paper-based test) in order to be considered a strong candidate for admission.**

9. Applications will be reviewed after January 15th, 2017. Only completed files will be reviewed. Transcripts will be reviewed by the Chair of the Athletic Training Admission Committee. Overall GPA and GPA in prerequisite courses are calculated. Applicants not meeting the minimum GPA or course requirements are notified and removed from applicant pool.
10. Applications are reviewed by members of the Athletic Training Admission Committee. Applicants are scored on GPA (cumulative and prerequisite), GRE score, athletic training experience, other healthcare related experience, volunteer or work experience, letters of recommendation, and the Statement of Purpose. A pre-interview score is determined. Applicants will be notified as to whether or not they have been selected to receive a personal interview no later than Feb. 1st, 2017.
11. The Athletic Training Program may not accept a student even though he/she has been admitted to the Graduate College. The Graduate College Admission process is non-competitive and all students whom have met minimal criteria are admitted (see Graduate Catalog). The UNO Graduate Athletic Training Program uses a competitive selection process, therefore, not all students who have met the criteria will be admitted. We typically admit 9-15 graduate students per year.
12. Applicants selected for admission are notified via email and in writing and must accept the position via email or in writing within 2 weeks of notification. Declined positions may be filled from the alternate list as needed.
13. Applicants must meet the UNO ATP Technical Standards in order to be considered for admission. Students who feel they may be unable to meet the technical standards should contact the UNO Services for Students with Disabilities to determine what accommodations may be available. Final admissions will require the student to complete and document the following:
 - a. Physical Examination by MD, DO, or Nurse Practitioner. This may be done by your physician at home or may be done at UNO Student Health Services.
 - b. Proof of vaccinations is required prior to admission. Students must submit vaccination records that demonstrate the following inoculations: tetanus (within the last five years), full childhood series of MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) and Tdap (tetanus, diptheria, and pertussis), and the three-shot Hepatitis B series (students must have received the first HepB vaccination prior to the first day of PE 8310). Students must also provide evidence of a Tuberculosis Skin Test (PPD) that has taken place within 12 months of the first day of PE 8310.

Students must also show evidence of immune titer to varicella (chicken pox), history of previously having the disease verified by a physician, or receive the varicella vaccinations. Students, especially those living in dormitories, are strongly encouraged to receive the meningococcal vaccination. Students electing not to receive the meningococcal vaccination will need to sign a waiver. Athletic training students are also encouraged to receive annual influenza inoculations (flu shots). Influenza inoculations will be required prior to the athletic training student's general medical rotations during PE 8360. All vaccinations are the financial responsibility of the athletic training student.

- c. Show evidence of current certification in Standard First Aid & CPR/AED for **Professional Rescuer** (by the American Red Cross). This certification must not expire prior to April 30th, 2017. Students are required to maintain these certifications throughout the entire academic program.
14. Starting date for accepted students is July 3rd, 2017.
15. It is the Athletic Training Program policy that all decisions regarding recruitment, and admissions shall be made without discrimination on the basis of race, color, age, disability, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, veteran's status, political affiliation, sexual orientation or other individual characteristics other than qualifications for the program, quality of performance and conduct related to the program in accord with the University policies, rules, and applicable law. Prospective students should review the technical standards for athletic training.