

# ATHLETIC TRAINING, MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS)

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The Athletic Training (AT) Graduate Program at Slippery Rock University is a combination of rigorous academic instruction and authentic clinical experience. The AT Graduate Program prepares proficient healthcare practitioners who will collaborate with other medical professionals to optimize the activity and wellness of patients and clients in sport, work, and life. Students are fully engaged in the science of athletic training focused on patient-centered injury and illness prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and care. Specifically, the SRU AT Graduate Program emphasizes a distinct concentration on advanced therapeutic rehabilitation interventions.

The AT Graduate Program is guided by the athletic training professional standards as well as the core program values of professionalism, respect, compassion, inter-professional education, evidence-based practice and student-centered learning. Students develop communication, collaboration, organization, teamwork, problem-solving and decision-making skills necessary for proficient practice with a diverse population.

The AT graduate program will require 57 credits of classroom courses and clinical experiences offered sequentially over four consecutive semesters and one summer to promote progressive, higher-order learning over time. Students will matriculate full-time in a cohort. Because the SRU MSAT program utilizes a cohort model, it does not offer advanced placement or accept athletic training graduate transfer credits.

Undergraduate students enrolled in an approved 3+2 Pre-Athletic Training major with prerequisite courses will apply for admission during the third undergraduate year and be able to complete the SRU AT Graduate Program in a fifth year (3+2). Students with earned degrees and prerequisites will apply for admission and complete the AT Graduate Program in two years (4+2).

Students successfully completing the AT Graduate Program are eligible to take the Board of Certification (BOC) Inc. examination. Graduates who pass the BOC examination are qualified to deliver quality healthcare in various employment settings such as high schools, colleges, professional sports, industrial, military and performing arts. Graduates are also prepared to contribute to the global medical community by reducing healthcare costs, improving healthcare accessibility, preventing and managing diseases, and promoting wellness. Additionally, athletic trainers must hold licensure credentials in the state they practice. As regulations vary by state, please check the proper state regulatory credentials (<http://bocatc.org/athletic-trainers/#state-regulation>).

## Program Learning Outcomes

- Upon successful completion of the Athletic Training Graduate Program, students will be able to:
  - Analyze best practices and evidence for advanced clinical decision making in patient-centered care.
  - Assess, design, and deliver proficient care as primary healthcare providers, with an emphasis in advanced rehabilitation interventions.
  - Perform independently and collaboratively within the greater healthcare network.
  - Exhibit positive, ethical, professional, and interpersonal behaviors as athletic trainers.

- Transition successfully to employment in a variety of athletic training settings.

## Related Links

Athletic Training, MS Program Page ([https://www.sru.edu/academics/graduate-programs/athletic-training-\(master-of-science/\)](https://www.sru.edu/academics/graduate-programs/athletic-training-(master-of-science/)))

Athletic Training Fact Sheet (<https://www.sru.edu/documents/programs/factsheets/graduate/FS-AT.pdf>)

Professional Licensure/Certification Page (<https://www.sru.edu/students/student-consumer-information/professional-licensures/>)