



Goal

Graduates will apply their athletic training skills and knowledge in the areas of evidence-based practice, prevention and health promotion, clinical examination and diagnosis, acute care of injury and illness, therapeutic interventions, psychosocial strategies and referral, healthcare administration, professional development and responsibility to improve the quality of professional medical care in their community while reflecting Christian values.

Outcomes

The program will prepare graduates to:

1. Integrate faith and learning while offering athletic training services to those in need through schools, churches, hospital outreach, and other settings.
2. Obtain employment in athletic training or related field.
3. Assume leadership roles in the workplace and/or professional organizations.

Program Outcome 1: The program will prepare graduates to integrate faith and learning while offering athletic training services to those in need through schools, churches, hospital outreach, and other settings.

Objective 1 of Program Outcome 1 – At least 80 percent of graduates who respond to an email survey will indicate they are offering athletic training services to those in need through schools, churches, hospital outreach, and other settings. This survey will be conducted by a faculty member in the M.A.T. program twice per year.

The curriculum of the program has a medical and community focus and will teach students how to humbly serve their community while maintaining medical professionalism and competency.

Program Outcome 2: The program will prepare graduates to obtain placement in athletic training or related field.

Objective 1 of Program Outcome 2 – At least 80 percent of graduates will pass the State of Texas Athletic Training Licensure Exam or the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification (BOC) exam as first-time test takers.

The curriculum of the program includes information of knowledge and skills that are essential to be successful on the State of Texas Athletic Training Licensure Exam and BOC exam. In order to practice as an Athletic Trainer in the State of Texas, one must have a License awarded by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Objective 2 of Program Outcome 2 – At least 80 percent of graduates who respond to an email survey will state they obtained placement in athletic training or related field, such as high school athletic trainer, community outreach through a hospital, or athletic training in an industrial setting, or continued schooling within 6 months of completing the program. This survey will be conducted by a faculty member in the M.A.T. program twice per year.

Faculty will serve as mentors while students are seeking employment. Faculty will be willing to write reference letters for graduates of the program and will provide current employment information to graduates. Suggestions involving resume writing, professional dress, interviewing, and other components related to gaining employment will be provided by the M.A.T. faculty.



Objective 3 of Program Outcome 2 – At least 80 percent of graduates who respond to an email survey will indicate they felt prepared for the workplace. This survey will be conducted by a faculty member in the M.A.T. program twice per year.

High levels of self-efficacy will occur as a result of well-managed clinical and didactic educational opportunities. If graduates feel they were prepared adequately for working in the field of athletic training, they are likely to truly be prepared.

Objective 4 of Program Outcome 2 – At least 80 percent of employers who respond to an email survey will rate graduates as being “good” or “excellent” for competency/professionalism in the workplace. This survey will be conducted by a faculty member in the M.A.T. program once per year.

Graduates who are proficient in knowledge and skills necessary for employment in the field are likely to be rated as being “good” or “excellent” for competency/professionalism by employers. Program curriculum includes high-quality courses that target practice skills, specialized knowledge, and corresponding professionalism.

Program Outcome 3: The program will prepare graduates to assume leadership roles in the workplace and/or professional organizations.

Being prepared for leadership in the field indicates that graduates are well-prepared for the profession, which reflects the mission of ACU and of the program. The expectation is that graduates will be highly respected because of their leadership potential.

Objective 1 of Program Outcome 3 – At least 80 percent of employers who respond to an email survey will rate graduates as being “good” or “excellent” for leadership potential. This survey will be conducted by a faculty member in the M.A.T. program once per year.

Good employment habits such as being punctual, professionally dressed, using appropriate vernacular are stressed in this program. These help to ensure successful employment and good ratings from employers and will be fundamental throughout the curriculum. As graduates are observed having good or excellent ratings for good employment habits, competency, and leadership in the workplace, they are likely to be recognized as leaders in the profession of athletic training.

Objective 2 of Program Outcome 3 – At least 80 percent of graduates who respond to an email survey will indicate they are actively involved in professional organizations within 2 years of completing the program. This survey will be conducted by a faculty member in the M.A.T. program twice per year.

Graduates will have the opportunity to become involved in both local and national professional organizations. Faculty will encourage graduates to accept leadership roles.