Guaranteed Admission Program

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Wichita State University
College of Applied Studies
Master of Science in Athletic Training

This Memorandum of Understanding ("Agreement") establishes a Guaranteed Admission ("GA") Program between Wichita State University, Master of Science in Athletic Training ("WSU-MSAT") Program, and Fort Hays State University ("FHSU") for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 academic years.

The GA Program provides FHSU students who meet specified criteria in this Agreement the opportunity to be ranked based on the criteria provided in Exhibit B, and the top two students will be guaranteed admission to the WSU-MSAT Program.

WSU-MSAT will interview and assess the GA Program applicants on their academic preparedness and other factors based on the same standards as traditional applicants.

To qualify for the GA Program, a student must meet the following requirements:

- Be a permanent resident of the United States;
- Achieve a minimum of an overall 2.75 cumulative Grade Point Average ("GPA") at the point of graduation;
- Meet the academic course requirements specified in Exhibit A: Academic Requirements-BS in HHP Sport and Exercise Therapy Concentration;
- Plan to complete a baccalaureate degree before matriculation into the WSU-MSAT Program;
- Submit an application to the WSU graduate college via SLATE™ by January 1 of the spring semester prior to starting the WSU-MSAT program;
- Submit a supplemental/secondary application by February 1 of the spring semester prior to starting the WSU-MSAT program;
- Applicants must have at least 100 hours of documented athletic training observation hours at the time of application;
- Complete a personal interview by February 20th of the spring semester prior to starting the WSU-MSAT program;
- Be a first-time applicant to apply to the Guaranteed Admission Program.
WSU-MSAT applicants who meet these requirements will be eligible for the GA Program. This Agreement guarantees two “seats” within the WSU-MSAT Program each year to students from FHSU who meet the listed requirements. This Agreement does not guarantee more than two seats each year. Should more than two students qualify and apply, they will be ranked by the criteria provided in Exhibit B with the top two guaranteed admission. Qualifying GPA is based on the student’s cumulative GPA prior to the final semester at FHSU.

Students must also complete a professional interview as part of the application process for the GA program. All additionally qualified students will be placed in the general application pool for an admissions decision. Following an in-person interview, the Program Director of the WSU-MSAT Program will notify GA applicants of their admission recommendation by March 1 following the applicant’s interview.

WSU-MSAT and FHSU agree to share information so that each institution can assess the effectiveness of this program. WSU-MSAT and FHSU reserve the right to periodically review the Agreement and recommend changes as deemed necessary. If WSU-MSAT makes recommendations for change(s), FHSU will have thirty (30) days to accept or reject the proposed changes. Agreements will be reviewed every two years for any updates on degree plans and academic requirements for approval. Agreed-upon modifications to the Agreement will become effective for the upcoming undergraduate class for the following academic year.

WSU-MSAT and FHSU understand and agree that FHSU or WSU-MSAT shall have the right to terminate the MOU, in whole but not in part, without penalty or expense, at the end of any fiscal year, or no later than June 30 of each year.

WSU-MSAT and FHSU understand and agree that nothing contained herein shall be construed as a waiver of both parties’ sovereign immunity.

This agreement does not restrict the Graduate School of Wichita State University from enforcing all policies related to admission required of all graduate programs and graduate school applicants to the University. This agreement does not guarantee an admission standing category.
Exhibit A
Academic Requirements

To qualify for the Guaranteed Admission Program, Wichita State University-Master of Science in Athletic Training Program (WSU-MSAT) and Fort Hays State University (FHSU) agree that applicants must complete the following academic requirements with a grade of B or above:

WSU-MSAT Course Requirements with FHSU courses in the HHP Sport and Exercise Therapy concentration meeting these requirements:

a. Human Anatomy and Physiology: 8 credit hours
   BIOL 230/230L: Anatomy & Physiology I w/lab (4 credits)
   BIOL 231/231L: Anatomy & Physiology II 2/lab (4 credits)
   OR
   BIOL 345/345L: Human Anatomy w/lab (4 credits)
   BIOL 346/346L: Human Physiology w/lab (4 credits)

b. Medical Terminology: 2 credit hours
   BIOL 245: Medical Terminology (2 credits)

   The WSU-MSAT Faculty are satisfied that BIOL 245 would suffice for this requirement since FHSU students must take 8 credit hours of Human Anatomy and Physiology as well as 6 credit hours of Biomechanics/Kinesiology.

c. Biomechanics/Kinesiology: 6 credit hours
   HHP 440: Kinesiology (3 credits)
   HHP 442: Mechanical Kinesiology (3 credits)

d. Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries: 3 credit hours
   HHP 280: Care and Prevention of Sport and Exercise Injuries (3 credits)

e. Exercise Physiology: 3-4 credit hours
   HHP 390: Physiology of Exercise (3 credits)

f. Elementary Statistics: 3 credit hours
   MATH 250: Elementary Statistics (3 credits)

g. General Psychology: 3 credit hours
   PSY 100: General Psychology (3 credits)

h. General Chemistry: 3-4 credit hours
   CHEM 112/112L: General Chemistry I w/lab (3 credits)
   OR
   CHEM 120/120L: University Chemistry I w/lab (5 credits)

i. Nutrition: 3 credit hours
   HHP 230: Principles of Nutrition (3 credits)

j. General Physics: 3-4 credit hours
   PHYS 111/111L: Physics I w/lab (5 credits)
k. General Biology: 3-4 credit hours
   BIOL 100: Human Biology (3 credits)
   BIOL 102: Laboratory Experiences in Biology (1 credit)
   OR
   BIOL 180/180L: Principles of Biology w/lab (4 credits)

By the time of graduation, the student must meet all other requirements for the undergraduate degree in HHP Sport and Exercise Therapy as specified by the applicable Fort Hays State University undergraduate catalog.
Exhibit B

Master of Science in Athletic Training

Candidate Rubric

1. Medical related activities:
   Certified Nursing Assistant, Certified Medical Assistant, Emergency Medical Technician or equivalent
   American Red Cross or American Heart Association Instructor Certified
   (max. 5 points each)

2. Related discipline (Human Performance/Kinesiology) professional activities:
   Research presentation/poster (15 points)
   Related certifications (FMS, Personal Training, Corrective Exercise, EMT, etc.) (10 pts each)
   NSCA/ACSM or other related conference attendance (5 pts each)
   Leadership activity (club/organization officer) (5 pts each) (1 pt for participation)
   Community service activities (1 pt. each)
   (max. 20 points)

3. FHSU academics: (Cum. GPA), (4.00-3.75 = 25 pts.); (3.74-3.50 = 20 pts.);
   (3.49-3.25 = 15 pts.); (3.24-3.00 = 10 pts.); (2.99-2.75 = 5 pts.);
   (max. 25 points)

4. Wichita State MSAT Pre-requisites: 11 pre-requisite courses
   (A = 5 pts.); (B = 4 pts.); (C = 3 pts.) (D= 2 pts.)
   (max. 55 points)

5. ATP Faculty Interview: (max. 5 pts. each faculty member)
   (max. 15 points)

   Total points (max. 120 points)

Comments:
Wichita State University

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Executive Vice President and Provost

Date 01/02/2024

Fort Hays State University

Joel A. Mason, Ph.D.
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Date 10/21/03