Graduate Athletic Training Admission Prerequisites

- Bachelors Degree.
- Applicants must be certified Athletic Trainers or must have completed requirements for and be eligible to take the BOC Certification Exam.
- The Department of Exercise and Sport Science no longer requires applicants to submit GRE Scores as a consideration for admission to the Graduate program.
- Applicants should have a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average.
- Applicants must satisfy prerequisite coursework requirements for admission as established by the Department of Exercise and Sport Science. If the applicant has graduated from a CAATE Accredited Program, they will have satisfied all departmental prerequisite course requirements with the possible exception of a statistics class. (See Below)
- Prior to enrollment EXSS graduate students must have completed an undergraduate statistics or research and statistics design course (3 hour credit or greater) with a final course grade of B-minus or better.
- Applicants will be invited for an on-campus interview with the sports medicine faculty and staff.
- Applications submitted before the January deadline will be reviewed earlier. Once the applications have been reviewed in early January, the top 15-17 candidates (based on GPA, the personal statement, and letters of recommendation) will be invited to come to Chapel Hill for in-person interviews. The applicants are evaluated in terms of 1) previous experience, 2) academic credentials, 3) personality, and 4) potential as a professional athletic trainer. Final selection of the top 10 candidates is based on the above criteria and is determined by general consensus of the entire Sports Medicine Staff. Nine or ten students are admitted to the program each year for a total of 19 students in any given year. For the students admitted in the 2020 academic year the mean GPA was 3.75.).