

Texas A&M University  
Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT)

## Retention and Progression

The admission criteria for the MSAT program are designed to provide for the selection of students who are most likely to succeed in the academic environment provided by Texas A&M University. The MSAT program is dedicated to retaining those students who have been accepted into the program. However, certain circumstances may result in dismissal from the program. These circumstances are listed below. The policies that follow are meant to serve as general guidelines. However, faculty reserves the right to consider the student's entire record, including clinical performance, when making decisions relative to retention or dismissal.

- a. A MSAT student must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (B average based on a 4.000 scale) for all courses which are listed on the degree plan.  
*Note: 5 year dual degree BS/MS option students must maintain 3.25 through 24 hours of graduate work at which time a 3.0 must be maintained.*
- b. Only grades of A, B, C, and Satisfactory (S) are acceptable for graduate credit. Grades of D, F or Unsatisfactory (U) for courses on the degree plan must be absolved by repeating the courses at Texas A&M University and achieving grades of C or above or Satisfactory (S). Courses may only be repeated once for a higher grade. The original grade will remain on the student's permanent record, and the most recent grade will be used in computing the cumulative and degree plan GPA's.
- c. All courses that are prerequisites must be passed with a C or better to be allowed to take the next course in the series. In order to progress in the clinical education course series (ATTR 651, 652, 653, 655, 656), MSAT students must receive a grade of C or better in the previous clinical course in the series in order to progress to the next clinical course. Students must also receive a grade of C or better in the associated athletic training content course (e.g., courses that contain knowledge and skills that will be applied during a clinical course to a patient population) in order to progress in the clinical education course series (ATTR 660/661 to progress to ATTR 652; ATTR 662/663 and ATTR 668/669 to progress to ATTR 653; ATTR 664/665 and ATTR 671 to progress to ATTR 655; ATTR 666/667 and ATTR 670 to progress to ATTR 656).
- d. If either of a student's cumulative GPA or the GPA for courses listed on the degree plan falls below the minimum of 3.00, he or she will be considered to be scholastically deficient.
- e. If at the end of a semester the student falls below a 3.0, the student will be allowed to continue in the program for the subsequent semester in a program probation status with the approval of a graduate committee, the recommendation of the Department of HLKN Graduate Programs Chair, and the Office of Graduate Studies.  
During this probationary semester, the student will be restricted to the minimum 15 hours of required clinical experience as part of their clinical education course requirement, and will not be allowed to travel as part of their clinical experience.  
They will also work with the PD to generate a written plan for improving their academic performance for the next semester in order to raise their GPA to 3.0 or better.  
At the end of the probationary semester, if the minimum GPA has not been obtained, the graduate committee may recommend to the HLKN Graduate Programs Chair, that the student be dismissed from the MSAT program and not allowed to enroll in any ATTR courses or gain clinical experience at any affiliated sites. The procedure for dismissal are explained in the Texas A&M University Student Rules (refer to the website [student-rules.tamu.edu](http://student-rules.tamu.edu)).

- f. If a student is placed on academic probation, they will no longer be eligible for financial aid and will need to submit an appeal to the financial aid office for further consideration. The student should contact the Graduate Advisor or PD for further information regarding a financial aid appeal.