



Master of Athletic Training: Application Checklist

□ Eligibility:

- Strong academic ability, evidenced by a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0.
- Completion of the following prerequisite course requirements before the start of the program:
 - Principles of Biology I
 - General Chemistry I
 - Anatomy & Physiology I
 - Anatomy & Physiology II
 - Nutrition
 - Biomechanics
 - Statistics
 - Physics I
 - Exercise Physiology
 - Psychology (General Psychology is required, additional psychology coursework recommended)

□ To Apply:

- Visit the ATCAS website: <https://caate.net/Students/Apply-With-ATCAS>, click on the “Apply Now” link, click “Create Account”, add Loras’ MAT program as a program you want to apply to, then complete the online application:
 - “Personal Information” section: please complete all parts of this section.
- “Academic History” section:
 - Click on Colleges Attended and enter the information for every college you have attended. Click “Order” next to each school to have an official transcript sent from that school directly to ATCAS.
 - We do not require that you order an official high school transcript.

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- We do not require that you upload standardized test scores.
- Transcript Entry: we recommend that students manually complete the Transcript Entry portion of the application themselves. Otherwise, you may pay for the Professional Transcript Entry Service ATCAS offers.
- “Supporting Information” section:
 - Click on Documents and upload a **personal statement**. This typewritten personal statement should outline your professional goals, both short-term and long-term, including why you have chosen Athletic Training as a career (maximum two pages double-spaced).
 - Please note that you do not need to manually enter your observation hours in the “Supporting Information” section of your application.
- “Program Materials” section:
 - Click on the Questions tab and answer the “how did you hear about us?” question.
 - Click on the Documents tab and upload a completed **Observation Hour Log**. Students must complete 50 observation hours in two different Athletic Training settings with two different Certified Athletic Trainers (ATC). Examples of differing settings include but are not limited to high school, college or university, clinics, industrial, professional or minor league sports. Each athletic trainer observed will need to sign an Observation Hour Log form.
 - Click on the Documents tab and upload a current **resume**.
 - Click on the Recommendations tab and create two recommendation requests to obtain **two letters of recommendation** from two references. One of the letters needs to be from a Certified Athletic Trainer. The request will be emailed to your references, and they will upload their recommendation directly to an Evaluator Portal which will then automatically get sent to ATCAS.

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- Application Timeline, Deadlines, and Admission Decision:
The Loras MAT cohort begins in July each year. Students can start applying for the July cohort in the ATCAS system approximately 12 months prior.

Loras' priority admission deadline is December 1, and we encourage students to apply as soon as possible to be considered for an early interview, and possible early admission. (Loras' application closes in ATCAS on June 1. Applications submitted after June 1 will be considered on an individual basis).

We have rolling admissions for this program. Once you have completed the application and submitted all supplemental application documents to ATCAS, they will "verify" your application file. Once it has been verified by ATCAS, Loras will review your file to determine whether to move forward with an interview. You will then be contacted with information about your next steps. After completion of your interview, you will be notified of an admission decision via email within two weeks.

- Questions?
 - If you have questions about eligibility or program curriculum, please contact Dr. Sharon Feld, AT Program Director at Sharon.Feld@loras.edu.
 - If you have questions about the application requirements and admission process, please contact Megan Henderson, Director of Admission for Graduate Admission at Aj.Rachal@loras.edu.