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ENTRY-LEVEL GRADUATE ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION PROGRAM

ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

See the Operational Policies Manual for detailed information about the Program.

- Q:** How do I apply to the Entry-Level Graduate Athletic Training Education Program (EL-GATEP)?

A: There are two steps.

Step 1: Apply to the Masters of Science in Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science online at (through the Graduate Division):
<http://www.hawaii.edu/graduatestudies/fields/html/departments/hijkl/cls/cls.htm>.

Step 2: Complete the EL-GATEP application which can be downloaded from Prospective Students website at: <http://www.hawaii.edu/cls/atasm/> and submit to the Program Director (address above).
- Q:** What are the application deadlines?

A: The EL-GATEP follows a rolling admission process. The Admissions Committee will review complete applications for Priority Admission on **February 15** and for Regular Admission on **April 1 in ODD YEARS only**. Applications must be received by these deadlines. The final deadline for admission is April 1 in odd years only. Since the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of spaces available, admission is competitive, and early application is encouraged. Meeting minimum admissions standard does not guarantee admission.
- Q:** What is the cost of application?

A: All requirements for application, including a \$60 application fee are provided at:
<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/admissions/undergrad/financing/index.html>.
- Q:** What are the requirements for admission?

A: At a minimum, the Graduate Division requires a 3.0 GPA and GRE scores must be submitted. Depending on your status (international, domestic, graduated, still in school), the admission requirements are detailed in the Operational Policies Manual at:
http://www.hawaii.edu/cls/atasm/EL-GATEP_Operational_Policies_Manual_current.pdf. Students who are not selected for full admission or miss the deadline in odd years may consider the Pre-Athletic Training option to improve GPA and gain additional clinical experience before admission to the Professional Education Program.
- Q:** What pre-requisites do I need before I apply?

A: Some pre-requisites may be completed during your program; others must be completed before applying. Please see the Program Description for the Pre-Athletic Training Requirements (pre-requisites). We recommend completing your pre-requisites at the University of Hawaii in our Pre-Athletic Training Option or you may choose to complete the courses at another institution. Pre-requisites must be completed at the 300 or 400 level or higher (except Weight Training and Psychology) and may be completed at any 4-year college or university. We also require 200 hours of clinical experience in a traditional Athletic Training setting (see the Experience Voucher Form for details)
- Q:** What if I am a Freshman or Transfer Student or I don't have all the required pre-requisites? What if my GPA is not very good or I don't have much clinical experience?

A: We recommend that you complete the Pre-Athletic Training option at the University of Hawaii. Pre-Athletic Training students must apply as unclassified post-baccalaureate through the Outreach College to complete the Pre-Athletic Training requirements. See the Pre-Athletic Training website for additional information: http://www.hawaii.edu/cls/atasm/EL-GATEP_Pre-Professional.html.

7. **Q:** How long is the Pre-Athletic Training Option?
A: It depends on your background and experience. Students may complete as much of the Pre-Athletic Training Option as needed to meet the admission requirements. Students may begin the Pre-Athletic Training Option whenever they choose, however, to volunteer in the UH Athletic Training Clinic for observation hours; it is highly recommended students begin in August with the orientation in-service and pre-season football camp.
8. **Q:** Is there an interview before admission?
A: No, there is not an interview before students are admitted to the Program; however, we highly recommend visiting Hawaii before committing to the Program. See the timeline (attached).
9. **Q:** Is previous clinical (athletic training) experience required?
A: Yes, applicants are required to complete at least 200 hours of observation of an Athletic Training clinic or facility at a local high school or university prior to applying. Submit the Experience Voucher form with your application. See our Pre-Athletic Training Option website for additional details: http://www.hawaii.edu/kls/atasm/EL-GATEP_Pre-Professional.html.
10. **Q:** What else do I need to submit with my EL-GATEP application?
A: Students must apply to the Graduate Division online, pay the application fee, submit official transcripts, and GRE scores to the Graduate Admissions Office (send copies to Program Director). Submit a separate Application Packet to the Program Director for review by the Admissions Committee. See the Prospective Students website for details: http://www.hawaii.edu/kls/atasm/EL-GATEP_Prospective_Students.html.
11. **Q:** If I am admitted, can I defer my admission to the following year?
A: Yes, we will save a position for you in the Program the following academic year, if you contact the Program Director by February 15 with your intention to begin the program that Fall. You must send an updated EL-GATEP application (MS word document only and include current contact information) and complete Step 1 Apply to the Graduate Division before February 15.
12. **Q:** What is the tuition and what fees will I have to pay once admitted?
A: All tuition and fees are detailed at: <http://www.hawaii.edu/graduatestudies/financial/html/financial.htm>. If you are a legal resident of WICHE member states, undergraduates may be eligible for reduced tuition rates (see link above for more information).
13. **Q:** What financial aid is available? Are Graduate Assistantships available through the Department of Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science?
A: To determine what Financial Aid you qualify for, visit the Financial Aid Services website at: <http://www.hawaii.edu/fas/>. Loans, grants, and scholarships are available to qualified students, for more information see: <http://www.hawaii.edu/graduatestudies/financial/html/financial.htm>. GA positions in the KRS Department are usually reserved for students who hold the ATC credential in the Post-Professional or PhD programs.
14. **Q:** What do I need to know about living in Hawaii? Will I need a car?
A: Hawaii is a great place to live and study! Information about living in Honolulu is at: <http://www.hawaii.edu/graduatestudies/honolulu/html/honolulu.htm>. Public transportation is excellent, however, to gain the most of clinical experiences, a car is highly recommended for transportation to clinical sites around the island.
15. **Q:** How long is the Program? Are summers required?
A: The Program is two years and two summers of full-time study. Second Summer Term classes and the In-services with Pre-season football camp are required (see Timeline below) for first-year students. The Academic Calendar has specific dates and deadlines: <http://www.catalog.hawaii.edu/about-uh/calendar.htm>.

16. **Q:** I understand the program requires full-time study and has clinical responsibilities. Will I be able to work part-time?

A: The curriculum requires courses in the prescribed sequence with clinical education courses required every semester. The clinical education requirement is an average of 20 hours per week, which leaves some time for part-time work, as long as it does not interfere with clinical responsibilities. For a minimal financial impact, most students have part-time jobs (or work-study), secure a student loan, and complete the program in the least amount of time possible (two years and two summers). Please see our Student Employment Policy in the Operational Policies Manual for details.

TIMELINE FOR EL-GATEP

Before applying to the Program:

Complete the Pre-Athletic Training Requirements. Many students complete the Pre-Athletic Training Option at the University of Hawaii in the BS in Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science Program prior to formal application to the program; however, courses can be completed at any 4-year college/university. Complete observation hours in an Athletic Training Clinic or facility at any high school or university.

Year you plan to start the Program:

September	Begin to review the information required for Application
October	Complete GRE, submit scores to UH Manoa Graduate Admissions Office
Nov -December	Request official transcripts, send directly to Graduate Admission Office
January	Apply online to Graduate Division, Request Letters of Recommendation and complete application packet
February 15	Priority Admission in odd years only – Application Packets must be received by Program Director for review
March 15	Notification of Priority Admission to EL-GATEP
April 1	Deadline for Regular Admission in odd years only
May 1	Notification of Regular Admission to EL-GATEP

Once you begin the Program:

Year I (odd year)

July	Second Summer Term Classes
August	Required In-Service (UH Athletic Training Room and Pre-Season football camp)
September	Clinical I (Fall semester)
January	Clinical II (Spring semester)

Year II (even year)

May-June	Selective Experience
July	Second Summer Term Classes
September	Clinical III (Fall semester)
January	Clinical IV (Spring semester)
April	BOC Exam (required)
May	Graduation