

DISCLOSURE REGARDING PROGRAM PREPARATION FOR PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION

COLLEGE

College of Health Professions and Sciences

PROGRAM

Master of Athletic Training, MAT

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing clear and accurate information to current and prospective students to help inform career planning. The UCF program identified above prepares students for state-regulated professional licensure or certification. However, specific licensure and certification requirements may vary by state or territory. Requirements typically include earning a degree or other educational credential from an institution and program that meet certain requirements in that state (e.g., specific coursework, accredited status); passing a state or national exam; and/or working in the field for a period of time or completing a certain number of clinical hours. If your career plans include pursuing professional licensure or certification, it is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements of the state in which you intend to practice.

Effective July 1, 2024, federal regulation requires the university to meet all educational requirements for state-regulated licensure or certification in every US state and territory where its eligible programs are offered. This disclosure is intended to provide you with information regarding the educational preparation you will receive in your chosen program of studyⁱ.

UCF Program Preparation in the State of Florida

The Master of Athletic Training program is designed for in-person course delivery. Although some limited online options may be available, students must take a preponderance of their coursework in-person within the State of Florida.

This program meets the educational requirements for certification by the Board of Certification (BOC) and for licensure by the Florida Board of Athletic Training in the State of Florida. In addition to the educational requirements, the state of Florida also requires BOC certification, proof of CPR/AED qualifications, and submission of fingerprints to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. For information on all requirements for this credentialⁱⁱ, please review the Florida Board of Athletic Training licensure requirements at https://floridasathletictraining.gov/licensing.

UCF Program Preparation in Other US States and Territoriesⁱⁱⁱ

As a participant in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA), UCF is authorized to offer educational programs in all states (except California), the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands. The State of California is not currently a member of SARA, but UCF is separately authorized to offer educational programming there as well.

We are currently unable to determine whether or not the Master in Athletic Training program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply for licensure or certification in any additional states. Licensure is required in most, but not every state. Licensure requirements vary state by state, but BOC certification serves as the foundation for each state where licensure is required.

If you are interested in seeking licensure outside of the State of Florida, we encourage you to review the appropriate state licensing board information to determine all requirements needed to obtain your credential of interest. State licensing board contact information for this field can be found here: https://apq.ucf.edu/document/statelicensingboards-at. You are also welcome to reach out to the UCF program contact identified below with questions in this regard, and we will do our best to assist you in your career planning.

Additional Information

To attain BOC certification, an individual must complete a professional athletic training program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) and pass the BOC certification exam. To qualify as a candidate for the BOC certification exam, an individual must be confirmed by the recognized program director of the CAATE-accredited athletic training education program.

Enrollment Eligibility Restrictions^{iv}

To comply with federal enrollment restrictions, UCF may only enroll students physically located in the state(s) where it meets all educational requirements for the credential it prepares students to achieve. Accordingly, we are generally unable to enroll students physically located in other states and territories during their first term of enrollment in the program. However, students may be eligible to enroll upon submission of a signed attestation of their intention to pursue licensure in a state or territory where UCF does meet educational eligibility requirements. Please reach out to the program contact listed below for additional guidance in this regard.

Programmatic Accreditation^v

This program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). Programmatic accreditation is typically required for state-regulated licensure in this field. Recognition by CAATE is specific to the program and is distinct from <u>UCF's institutional accreditation</u> that is required for other purposes, including UCF's authorization to award federal financial aid to students.

UCF Program Preparation Outside the United States

This disclosure does not address program eligibility in countries outside the United States. We are unable to determine whether or not the Master of Athletic Training program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply for licensure or certification outside the United States. It is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements in the location in which you intend to practice.

Program Contact Information

Dr. Kristen Schellhase Program Director Kristen.Schellhase@ucf.edu

ⁱ As required by UCF's participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA) and the regulations set forth in 34 CFR 668.43(a)(5)(v) and 34 CFR 668.43(c)(1)

ⁱⁱ As required by 38 CFR 21.4259(e)

ⁱⁱⁱ Following 34 CFR 600.2, a state is defined as a State of the Union, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau.

^{iv} To comply with 34 CFR 668.14(b)(32)

^v To comply with 34 CFR 668.14(b)(32)