

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
EDWARDSVILLE**



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Agreement is entered into as of the last date below, by and between the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, a body corporate and politic of the State of Illinois, ("UIS") for its University of Illinois Springfield Master of Athletic Training Program (located in Springfield, IL) and the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, a body politic and corporate of the State of Illinois, governing Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, including its Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science Program ("SIUE") (located in Edwardsville, IL).

PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Agreement aligns UIS Master of Athletic Training (MATR) Program with the Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science Program at SIUE to ensure direct admission for a maximum of two (2) students who meet following criteria:

- UIS MATR Program will agree to hold a maximum of two (2) class seats per year for SIUE students who meet the application requirements set forth in this Agreement.
- Admission to the program is at the discretion of the Master of Athletic Training Program Admission Committee in accordance with UIS applicable admission standards and criteria.
- UIS is not required to admit any student who does not meet the minimum admission criteria associated with UIS MATR Program.
- UIS MATR Program will communicate with SIUE any changes to the admission criteria in writing by March 1st for the subsequent academic year if any changes are to be made and the effective date.
- UIS MATR Program will communicate to SIUE any changes related to the minimum entrance criteria due to changes in accreditation-related program requirements ensuring an alignment in coursework between UIS and SIUE.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

To be considered for and receive guaranteed admission into the UIS Master of Athletic Training (MATR) program, a student must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Applicants must be on track to complete their Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science Program from SIUE, with the degree conferred prior to enrollment at UIS. The UIS Master of Athletic Training (MATR) program admits students for the summer term only.
- Undergraduate unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.70.
- GPA of 3.00 (on a scale of 4.00) in MATR prerequisite courses (minimum of a "C" grade in each course).
- Two (2) semesters of Anatomy and Physiology with corresponding labs.

- One (1) course in each of the following: General Biology, General Psychology, Physiology of Exercise, Biomechanics or Kinesiology, Nutrition, Introductory Health Course, Statistics, Chemistry, and Physics.
- Recommended courses to be completed: Medical Terminology, Strength and Conditioning, and Research Methods.

If the student(s) is accepted to the UIS MATR Program, while in attendance at UIS, students must follow the outlined criteria from [the UIS Catalog for Masters of Athletic Training Program](#):

- Maintain a GPA of at least 3.00.
- Earn a grade of "B" or better in all MATR courses.
- Maintain current CPR/AED for Professional Rescuer and Healthcare Provider or Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers certification.
- Successfully complete annual bloodborne pathogens, HIPPA, FERPA, and sexual harassment training.
- Maintain and provide proof of annual tuberculosis and influenza immunization requirements.
- Abide by the Policies and Procedures outlined in the MATR Student [Handbook](#).
- Complete Criminal Background Checks (CBC) as outlined and determined by practicum sites and information will be decimated to students on a case-by-case basis.

The Parties to this Agreement shall promote and advertise the direct entry agreement between the UIS MATR Program and SIUE.

The terms of this Agreement shall remain in effect unless amended in writing with the mutual consent of both parties and shall not exceed a duration of ten (10) years. If no student applicants are identified for a guaranteed admission slot by March 1 of the admission year, UIS reserves the right to offer the slot to another qualified applicant who meets the admission criteria for the UIS MATR Program.

Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time by providing a minimum of six (6) months' written notice to the other party.

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