



COMMITTEE CHARTER

COMMITTEE TITLE: AdmitAT: A Consortium Approach to Athletic Training Program Admission

COMMITTEE COMPOSITION:

This section to be condensed/edited based on discussions with the AATE Board.

Representation to consider:

- Role: Program director, Admissions committee chair, Clinical coordinator, Core Faculty, Clinician
- Understanding of admissions practices and enrollment: Within AT, Within other health professions, Program with enrollment challenges, Program without enrollment challenges
- Program type: Professional 3+2, Professional Post baccalaureate, Post-professional
- Institutional diversity: Geography, Size, Public/Private, AT Program size

Taskforce Chair: 1 individual

Taskforce Members: 4-6 individuals

If Kim, Sara, and Kathryn do serve on this taskforce, below are areas of representation that this taskforce would benefit from having diversity of thought.

- Large AT Program
- Geographically outside of New England
- Role: Admissions committee chair, clinical coordinator, clinician

BACKGROUND

The selection criteria and processes for admission into healthcare professional programs including athletic training programs have been formulaic and relatively unchanged for several decades. Educators and institutions may be reluctant to diverge from the status quo due to incomplete information on how admissions processes inform applicants' decision making and how admissions decisions predict student success. Declining applicant pools, new tools like artificial intelligence, and an urgent need to train diverse healthcare providers warrant examination of admissions strategies in athletic training. Research indicates that traditional admissions criteria may not always predict student success and could unintentionally limit access for qualified candidates from diverse backgrounds. By convening a dedicated work group, we can systematically review existing admissions practices, analyze data, and develop best practice guidelines that will benefit institutions, faculty, and prospective students alike. Changes in the standards related to prerequisites may allow this to be the ideal time to implement advancement in admissions processes.

SCOPE OF WORK

This initiative is expected to:

- Improve accessibility, fairness, and inclusivity in athletic training admissions.
- Provide a transparent, standardized framework for best practices across programs.
- Become a model for reducing barriers to admissions for other healthcare professions.
- Promote the AATE as an organization driving change in athletic training recruitment.
- Increase student options in the admissions process to allow programs a larger pool of applicants.
- 1-3 manuscripts suitable for publication, with acknowledgement of the support of the AATE



ANTICIPATED COMMITMENT

Start Date: July 1, 2025

End Date: May 1, 2026

Time Commitment: 10 months

DELIVERABLES

- List of recommendations for standardized admission criteria based on best available evidence and stakeholder input
- Implementation plan to be provided to programs based on the standardized admission criteria
- 1-3 manuscripts suitable for publication, with acknowledgement of the support of the AATE

REPORTING PLAN

- Taskforce to provide bi-monthly (every other month) updates to board based on progress

SUPPORTING RESOURCES

We propose a modest budget allocation to maximize success of this initiative. The table below details items for consideration. We recognize the AATE may have relationships and or policies that would impact the estimated costs.

Item	Justification	Estimated Cost Range
Logo	Members of AdmiT receive a logo to be incorporated on admissions assets.	\$50 - 100
Marketing	Strategic communication would be necessary to announce the work group, request feedback on the initial proposal, and invite institutions to join AdmiT.	\$500 - \$1,000
Website support	The stakeholder engagement period would necessitate connection with a website to allow document review and public comment. Eventual recommendations would need a centralized area for public display.	\$300 - \$700
Administrative support	Effort that would benefit from administrative support and increase workgroup efficiency. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asynchronous data collection and synthesis• Keeping meeting minutes for work group• Document preparation	variable