

VSU ATP FAQs

1. **What is the Admissions Process to the ATP?** It is a separate process from admission to the university. Please visit the website for program admission information. <http://www.valdosta.edu/colleges/nursing-and-health-sciences/athletic-training/> In addition to admission information the website provides a thorough overview of the program.
2. **What should I focus on when I enter VSU?** The ATP has a grade point average minimum of 2.75. So use the Student Success Center and Counseling Center if needed.
3. **When can I begin taking Athletic Training Courses?** The VSU ATP is designed so that students begin the admissions process to the program in the fall of their freshman year. It is a two semester admissions process. In the freshman fall semester you will take HSAT 2050 Introduction to Athletic Training . In spring you take HSAT 3430 Kinesiology and HSAT 4300 Prevention and Care of AT Injuries
4. **How does advisement for class registration occur?** Every Pre-AT student is advised in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences Advising Center. Students admitted to the AT program are advised by Athletic Training faculty.
5. **What classes do I need to take and how many hours should I register for each semester?** (1) You should have a copy of the ATP Advising Checklist. It can be found on the ATP webpage, Prospective Students, Academic Advising. This provides you with the Core Courses and Major courses required in the ATP program. As far as how many hours you should take, the ATP is designed as if students are taking 15 hours per semester (you have to have 24 credit hours to be eligible to be considered for admission to the ATP at the end of the spring semester). If you choose to take less than 15 hours per semester then realize that (1.) you will not be on track to complete the degree in 4 years and/or (2.) you will have to take courses in the summer to make up for the hours you are deficient for the year .
6. **What are Perspective classes?** They are part of the Core Curriculum at VSU. They are courses designed to allow collaboration across programs and colleges to provide course content that is cultural and diverse. Each student must take two Perspective courses each from a different area of the Perspective offerings. (you can not take both Perspective classes from the same Area).
7. **When do I start gaining clinical experience?** The second semester after a student is admitted to the ATP he/she will be assigned to a clinical rotation each semester he/she is in the AT Program.