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**Attachments:** UK AT 3+2\_19April2018.pdf

### Proposed New 3+2: BS Human Health Sciences and MS Athletic Training

This is a recommendation that the University Senate approve the establishment of a new 3+2 Program: BS Human Health Sciences and MS Athletic Training within the College of Health Sciences.

#### Rationale:

The College of Health Sciences proposed to offer an accelerated BS Human Health Sciences and MS Athletic training option as a combined effort between the Division of Health Sciences and Education Research and the Division of Athletic Training. The 3+2, UK-CAT (Connecting Bachelor's to Master degree in Athletic Training) will enable students enrolled in the BS HHS pre-athletic training track to earn a bachelor's degree and a MS AT in five years. This would reduce the time for degree completion by one year. Students would apply in their junior year for admission into the MSAT program, which would initiate during their fourth year at UK. The student will earn the BS upon 120 credit hours and all requirements for the BS in the specific major being met.

The program is responsive to the needs for the Commonwealth of Kentucky and to national accreditation requirements. Employment need for athletic trainers is expected to increase by 33% by 2024 as indicated in the supporting documents. The proposers believe this will serve as a model for other institutions during the education transition of the AT profession.

The revised proposal is attached.

Thanks!  
Margaret

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## University of Kentucky Athletic Training Accelerated Program – UK AT 3+2

Proposal submitted by the Division of Athletic Training and the Division of Health Sciences and Education Research in the College of Health Sciences,  
University of Kentucky

February 23, 2018

### **INTRODUCTION AND JUSTIFICATION**

The College of Health Sciences (CHS) proposes to offer an accelerated Bachelor of Science/Master of Science degree option as a combined effort between the Division of Health Sciences and Education Research and the Division of Athletic Training. The two divisions have collaborated on this joint effort, and faculty members of both divisions are supportive (Appendix A, B and C).

This accelerated degree option, UK-CAT (Connecting Bachelor's to Master degree in Athletic Training), informally known as a “3+2” program, will enable students enrolled in the Human Health Sciences (HHS) pre-Athletic Training (pre-AT) track to earn a bachelor's degree and a master of science in Athletic Training (MSAT) in five years. This would reduce the time for degree completion by one year (Table). UK-CAT students will apply in their junior year for admission to the MSAT program, which would initiate during their fourth year at UK. The student will earn the Bachelor's degree upon completion of 120 credit hours and all requirements for the Bachelor's in the specific major (HHS pre-AT).

Students from any academic program within UK and from outside institutions are strongly encouraged to apply to the MSAT. Any applicant that wishes to apply to the MSAT must complete their undergraduate coursework in their established major program, and must meet the pre-requisites for admission into the MSAT. However, this proposal documents the collaborative effort between the HHS bachelor degree program and the MSAT program to formalize the UK-CAT. *This relationship is not exclusive for future collaborations.* Specific to this 3+2 proposal, students must meet the rigorous holistic admission process for HHS, and then select the pre-AT track. This track is structured to provide students interested in pursuing a career in Athletic Training the pre-requisite courses to be competitive for admission into master degrees in athletic training throughout the country in addition to the MSAT here at UK. Therefore, a student at UK interested in Athletic Training can take advantage of the UK-CAT 3+2 plan, or can choose to complete their bachelor degree in a traditional 4-year plan, and upon graduation will subsequently have completed the foundation coursework to explore graduate Athletic Training degrees at UK or at other institutions. Students from any department at UK or outside institution that will have completed a baccalaureate degree before they begin the MSAT and have meet the admissions criteria will be encouraged to apply to the MSAT.

This 3+2 program proposal has been written to be a supplement to the program changes and curriculum changes in HHS and MSAT. The pre-AT track within the HHS degree program was approved by the Senate on October 18, 2017. The MSAT program changes were approved by the Senate Council on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and were approved by the University Senate on March

19<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The new MSAT degree was developed to comply with new standards set forth by our professional organization's accrediting body, the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). *Starting in 2022, students will no longer be able to enter the profession of athletic training with a bachelor's degree, but instead will require a master degree from a CAATE accredited program.* Given the entry in the profession will be at the masters degree level, the current post-professional MSAT degree will transition to the new MSAT. Previously, undergraduate students at UK did not have an option to achieve the coursework and preparation to enter the profession of Athletic Training, given the post-professional nature of the existing program. While we anticipate students outside of UK interested in athletic training will apply for admission into our MSAT degree, the UK-CAT 3+2 program will serve as one option for UK students to obtain the pre-requisites, and then apply for admission into the MSAT. The UK-CAT program will provide an academic and financial advantage to UK students by reducing the number of academic years necessary to complete both degrees, and subsequently sit for the Board of Certification Examination and enter the profession of athletic training.

The UK-CAT is responsive to the needs for the Commonwealth of Kentucky and to national accreditation requirements by the CAATE. Employment need for athletic trainers is expected to increase by 33% by 2024 (see attached Appendix E: KENTUCKY OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK TO 2024). For more than a decade, UK has been among the top graduate programs in Athletic Training in the nation, offering advanced preparation to young professionals in the field. The new MSAT program and the partnership to create this 3+2 program will solidify our position as a national leader in this field. The overwhelming majority of the alumni and 100% of the current students are from outside of the state of Kentucky. We believe strongly that the MSAT program will continue to attract students from outside of Kentucky, but we believe the UK-CAT will provide new opportunities to service the students from the Commonwealth and here at UK. However, our admission standards will continue to be selective and limited, and students from other academic programs on UK's campus and throughout the country will be encouraged to apply to the MSAT degree program. We anticipate our proposal will serve as a model for other institutions during the educational transition of our profession.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

### **STEERING COMMITTEE**

The UK-CAT steering committee will consist of the Division of Athletic Training Director and the MSAT Program Director, as well as the representative (i.e. Department Chair, Division Director, Program Director) from the partnering bachelor Human Health Sciences degree program. Additional representation will include an academic advisor from the College of Health Sciences. The steering committee will be charged with assessing the program annually and proposing any needed changes or modification to the curriculum or management of the program over time.

### **FACULTY OF RECORD**

The UK-CAT faculty of record will consist of all faculty in the Division of Athletic Training, as well as all faculty in the Division of HHS in the College of Health Sciences. Annual meetings

will be scheduled as a group. Information will be shared among the Faculty of Record as needed by email and through members of the steering committee.

#### **ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAM**

Each contributing degree program (HHS, MSAT) will assess students' success and attainment of student learning outcomes as part of the programmatic assessment plan for the particular degree program. In addition, student learning outcomes as assessed every year in the College in response to SACSCOC requirements will also be completed. The UK-CAT, while condensed, does not sacrifice any degree requirements and retains all the specific course requirements of the curriculums from each contributing degree program.

At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> year (1<sup>st</sup> year of the MSAT program), the HHS bachelor's program in coordination with the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) will request a summary report on the progress of UK-CAT students completing their first year of the MSAT. Because UK-CAT students will need to complete their first year of the MSAT to receive the final credits towards the Bachelor's degree, this follow-up on successful course completion will be necessary and automatic. UK-CAT students will retain contact with the undergraduate advisor assigned to this program until their receipt of the Bachelor's degree in May of Year Four.

In addition, the OSA staff will keep records of the following student data:

- a. Numbers and demographics of High School seniors applying, accepted, and enrolled in UK-CAT;
- b. Progress to completion of Bachelor's degree of enrolled candidates;
- c. Numbers and demographics of UK-CAT student applications, acceptances, and enrollments in the MSAT degree program;
- d. Progress to completion of the MSAT degree of admitted candidates
- e. Additional information on career trajectories of students who do not apply/ are not accepted/do not enroll in the MSAT degree;
- f. Pass/fail rates on the national certification exam for Athletic Training of UK-CAT enrolled students compared to students from other academic programs within UK and across the Country completing the MSAT degree program.
- g. Follow-up student satisfaction surveys at regular intervals;
- h. Robust information about UK-CAT alumni, etc.

Finally, there will be a formal assessment of students who matriculate into the masters program as required by the CAATE to maintain accreditation.

#### **PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION AND ADMISSION TO 3+ 2 PROGRAM**

##### **ADMISSIONS PROCESS:**

Admission to UK-CAT is selective and competitive; students are expected to maintain a rigorous schedule in order to complete 99 hours and all required courses for the undergraduate major in three years (6 semesters). This is a dual-credit degree program in that the first year of MSAT courses (22 credit hours) will count towards the total 120 credit hours required for the HHS bachelor's degree.

Admission to the HHS degree and selection of the pre-professional Athletic Training track does not guarantee admission to the MSAT degree program, and the subsequent utilization of the UK-CAT plan. Students in the HHS degree program that have identified interest in the UK-CAT program with the requisite number of credit hours and achievement of pre-requisites for the MSAT program will have to apply separately to the MSAT degree program in the fall of their third year at UK. These students will be considered by the MSAT Admissions Committee in the regular course of the Admissions process with all other applicants in that year. Any applicants that apply to the MSAT and meet the admissions criteria, will be competitive for admission to the MSAT program. Only those students who designated pre-AT in the HHS program, and are accepted in to the MSAT program will be designated officially as UK-CAT students. Only the most qualified cohort of students will be accepted in to the MSAT. UK-CAT applicants are not guaranteed admission in to the MSAT and will be reminded of such when entering the HHS pre-AT track.

The academic advisor in the CHS-OSA designated to work with UK-CAT will provide personalized attention to students that identify interest in the UK-CAT program upon admission into the HHS bachelor's program and placement into the pre-AT track. The advisor will continue to work with these students throughout their academic career at UK. If they are admitted into the MSAT program, students will be advised until completion of the UK-CAT program. Students that opt not to enter the UK-CAT program, or do not receive admission into the MSAT program will be advised through completion of their Bachelor's degree. The curriculum has been organized such that students who are not accepted in the MSAT program will graduate within 4 years with a bachelor's in HHS and will be eligible to apply to Athletic Training programs outside of UK. Should a student in the HHS pre-AT track decide to apply to another master's program at another institution to receive their Masters in Athletic Training, the CHS-OSA advisor will work with the student to review admissions criteria to ensure the student will be competitive in their application.

## CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS CONSIDERATION

Students that wish to utilize the UK-CAT program must be admitted into the identified Bachelor's degree program (HHS, pre-AT track). During their junior year the student will apply for admissions into the MSAT degree program. These students specifically will designate their eligibility for the UK-CAT program online at (link TBD). Applicants from academic programs within the University or from institutions around the Country will apply to CHS for the MSAT program using standard admissions processes.

### **Bachelor's Degree Admissions (HHS)**

Admission into the Human Health Sciences program are holistic in nature. Consideration is given to academic rigor and achievement, leadership and community involvement, health care focus and experience, and cultural understanding and experiences. There will be an admissions cap of approximately 120 students for each yearly cohort. Admissions processes into the Human

Health Sciences program are described below for both current high school students as well as current UK students. Qualified students after the application process will be invited to a 20-30 minute interview with faculty and staff connected to the program. Interviews will be coordinated based upon applicants' availability, distance to campus, etc. and can be in-person (strongly preferred if possible), telephone, or Skype.

While holistic in scope, admission into HHS is a highly competitive process. The following factors are taken into consideration as part of the current established admissions process for admission:

#### New Students (college freshmen)

- Completion of program application and interview process;
- High school GPA (preference given to those with an unweighted high school grade-point-average of 3.5 or higher);
- ACT or SAT scores (preference given to those with a 28 ACT composite or SAT equivalent or higher).

#### Current UK students and transfers

- Completion of program application and interview process;
- Cumulative college GPA of 3.2 GPA or higher (student must also exhibit a 3.0 semester GPA or higher during term of application);
- No more than 60 earned hours;
- Satisfactory completion of CHE 105 and 111, PSY 100, and MA 137 strong preferred.

### **Master of Science in Athletic Training Admission Requirements**

All applicants must meet the minimum academic standards for The Graduate School. Additionally, applicants must also present with the following requirements:

- Completion of a minimum of 85 credit hours of the following coursework at the undergraduate or graduate level with a minimum grade equivalent of a "C" in all prerequisite coursework, with a minimum overall GPA  $\geq 3.0$  (out of a 4.0):
- Prerequisite coursework
  - Chemistry (4 credits including lab)
  - Calculus (3 credits)
  - Biology (3 credits)
  - Physics (3 credits)
  - Psychology (3 credits)
  - Basic Emergency Care/First-Aid (2 credits)
  - Statistics (3 credits)
  - Medical Terminology (3 credits)
  - Human Anatomy (3 credits)
  - Human Physiology (3 credits)
  - Exercise Physiology (3 credits)
  - Biomechanics (3 credits)
  - These additional courses are recommended, but not required for admission:

- Introduction to Athletic Training
  - Research Methods/Scientific Writing
- Observational Hours:
  - Students applying to the UKAT program are required to complete and document 100 hours of observation under the supervision of a Certified Athletic Trainer. At least half (50 hours) must be completed in common athletic training settings (e.g. high school, collegiate or professional sports).
- Graduate Record Examination
  - Students need to submit an official and original GRE score report to the Graduate School. The scores must be from within the last five years. Use UK's school code: RA1837
- Personal Statement
  - A 1-page essay that summarizes the applicant's interest in becoming an athletic trainer
- Professional references
  - A list of three professional references
- First-Aid Certification
  - Applicants must hold current first-aid and CPR, and Basic Life Support certifications through either the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.
- Undergraduate Institution Academic Transcript
  - UK undergraduate students must demonstrate ability to satisfy completion of UK Bachelor's degree requirements or selection of the UK-CAT 3+2 option
  - Undergraduate students outside of UK must demonstrate progression to graduate prior to the beginning of the master's curriculum.

## **INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS**

### **APPLICATION CYCLE**

The application cycle begins in August for enrollment as a freshman majoring in Human Health Sciences the following August.

The application cycle is August 1 through December 1 for enrollment into the Master of Science in Athletic Training the following summer.

### **TUITION AND FEES**

Students are responsible for payment of all tuition and fees for the UK-CAT accelerated course of study. Specifically, students will pay the undergraduate tuition rate (Resident or Non-

Resident) for the first three years of study, and (pending acceptance to the MAT program) thereafter they will be assessed at the Graduate School rate.

Both need-based and merit-based financial assistance programs are available to all undergraduate and graduate students. Students are encouraged to learn more about financial aid and scholarship programs at the University of Kentucky. There are scholarships available for students within the College of Health Sciences, but there are no scholarships specifically designated for UK-CAT applicants.

### **ONCE ENROLLED AT UK**

Once accepted as an undergraduate student, to become competitive for the UK-CAT program, students are expected to follow the recommended curriculum and maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (B). If satisfactory progress is achieved by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in the HHS pre-AT track, students would be advised to take the GRE sometime between the summer and fall of their 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Students would then apply to the MSAT program between August 1 and December 1 of their 3<sup>rd</sup> year for enrollment in the summer between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year. Those students in the HHS pre-AT track that wish to apply to the MSAT will be encouraged to do so in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year, making sure they select their eligibility for the UK-CAT in their application. Applicants from other academic programs within UK or from institutions around the Country will apply to CHS for the MSAT degree program using standard admissions processes.

If a student follows the combined required curriculums of the Bachelor's and MSAT degrees as a designated in the UK-CAT program, the student will graduate with a Bachelor's degree in May of his or her 4<sup>th</sup> year, and with a MSAT degree in May of his or her 5<sup>th</sup> year.

### **SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION**

Competitive and automatic renewable scholarships awarded by the Office of Academic Scholarships to incoming UK Freshmen will continue over the first six semesters of a student's enrollment at UK. Additionally, the College of Health Sciences has a limited number of scholarships available for students enrolled in degree programs within the college.

### **EXAMPLE OF A 3+2 CURRICULUM AND TIMELINE**

A representative sequence that combines the newly formed HHS Pre-AT track with the proposed MSAT degree program is provided in the Table.

The MSAT degree curriculum and sequence is the same for all enrolled students in that program, including the UK-CAT students. Therefore, the MSAT program can be seen in its total in the Table. Students would start the MSAT in what is represented in the Summer of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Students in the MSAT program but not in the UK-CAT would begin this curriculum in the summer that they are first enrolled into the UK Graduate School.

Table 1: Representation of the UK-CAT curriculum compared to the regular HHS degree

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*What if the student decides by year 3 that she or he is no longer interested in applying to the MAT program at UK?*

If you elect not to pursue Athletic Training at UK, there is no penalty, since you are already on track to graduate with a HHS bachelor's degree in this particular field. If you elect not to attend the MSAT program, you will simply complete year 4 with the remaining needed credit hours of coursework to satisfy the usual requirements of your major. Academic advisors and a faculty mentor will work with you to ensure that you complete your degree in four years, and to provide career and graduate or professional school advice in a timely manner.

*What if the student decides by year 3 that she or he is no longer interested in applying to the MSAT program at UK, but would like to pursue a Master degree in Athletic Training at another institution?*

As in the previous question, there is no penalty. The pre-AT track in the HHS degree program is designed to prepare undergraduate students for competitive admission into graduate Athletic Training programs across the country. Academic advisors and a faculty mentor will work with you to ensure that you complete your degree in four years, and to provide career and graduate or professional school advice in a timely manner. If a student elects to pursue Athletic Training in a graduate program at another institution, they will not be able to create a condensed program with course equivalencies like are available in the UK-CAT. Much like undergraduate students from outside UK that will apply to enter the MSAT program at UK, you will need to complete your bachelor's degree with the necessary pre-requisite courses to be admitted into those programs outside of UK.

*What if the student wants to change majors?*

If a student wishes to change their major, they will no longer be eligible for the UK-CAT given the rigorous and specific curriculum you must follow to complete the bachelor's degree requirements of your chosen major within three years. If you prefer to change your major to something else besides HHS, or if you wish to stay within HHS, but change to a different pre-professional track, you may still be able to graduate within four years, depending on the requirements of the track or new major, and apply to the MSAT program during your senior year, as most MSAT applicants will do. You will not be able to use courses in the MSAT program to count toward the credit hour requirements of your bachelor's degree, if you change your major and elect not to be designated as a UK-CAT student.

*What if the student enrolls in Master of Science in Athletic Training Program but is unhappy or unsuccessful in that curriculum?*

We have every expectation that students admitted into the MSAT program at UK will be successful and enter the field of Athletic Training. This is certainly our expectation of the UK-CAT students given the rigor that they will go through to enter this accelerated combined degree program. However, if you perform poorly, or if for any reason you wish to withdraw from the MSAT degree, and no longer utilize the UK-CAT program, you will have options to still complete a Bachelor's degree from UK. If you have passed all the 400 and 500 level coursework during the first year of the MSAT program, then like all UK-CAT students, you and your advisor will designate that you have met the requisite number of credit hours at UK to complete your

Bachelor's degree. If you have not passed all of the 400 and 500 level coursework in the first year of the MSAT program, or if you withdraw before that first year of the MSAT program is completed, you will be able to reenroll as an undergraduate and complete the 120-required credit hours to earn the Bachelor's degree in your chosen major. Your academic advisor and faculty mentor will help you find the information you need to make an informed decision about your coursework and your future plans.

## Appendix A: Minutes from Division of Athletic Training Faculty Meeting with approval vote on UK-CATS 3+2 Proposal

### AT Division Meeting CTW 214B Jan 19, 2017 10:00-11:00am

Present: Phillip Gribble, Tim Butterfield, Tim Uhl, Melissa Miller, Nick Heebner (via Zoom)

Phillip opened the meeting by welcoming Esther Dupont-Versteegden who asked to speak for the first few minutes of the meeting.

Esther asked that going forward the division takes a few minutes of each division meeting to discuss the RHB PhD program/students. This will give opportunity to discuss how the PhD students are doing if already assisting your division and also bring up ways they could assist in research you are conducting. She would also like the Research Seminars to be a priority on everyone's calendar and if possible regular attendance. It is 3-4pm on Thursdays. If you have speakers coming in or would like to invite colleagues to be a part of the seminar let Pat Kitzman know. This is very important to the program and she would like to see the entire college make this a regularly attended event. Dr. Dupont thanks the faculty members and leaves the meeting.

Dr. Gribble then begins the regularly scheduled meeting.

Interviews will be on 1/30 and 2/5. There are 35 students interviewing. Application materials will go out next week to all interviewers. Pictures have been requested by interviewers. Tim Uhl brought up concern about bias and majority agreed with his concern. Pictures will be taken of the students as they arrive but not requested before.

Digital Scholarship was discussed because of the exposure that it can provide both nationally and internationally. Dr. Uhl has used the library services in the past to help set up his profile and Dr. Butterfield is going to look into the process as well. Everyone thinks it could be a useful tool. The contact at the library is Adrien Ho.

Preceptor Recognition: The College has asked that each division consider nominating 1 or 2 preceptors for and award that will be given out at the Hall of Fame Dinner on 4/20 at 6pm. Phillip asked the other members for suggestions on how to collect nominations. It was recommended by Tim Uhl and Nick Heebner that the student's make the nominations but Dr. Uhl also added that it should be persons that have been in the positions for 3 or more years. This would keep former students from getting nominations from fellow classmates. **Dr. Gribble will send an email to the students asking for nominations.**

Curriculum Update: The syllabi that were sent back for revision have been reviewed and there were no major changes needed. They will be sent back by the first of next week for final approval and then will move on to the next step which will be HCCC. They meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month so we hope to have all information in by the February meeting. Then it will move on to the Senate. A senate member

has agreed to review the information before the next meeting so any modifications can be made by the March meeting. This will hopefully prevent any delays.

**UK-CATS 3+2 Partnership with UHHS Update: Must have a letter of support and vote. This letter states that the faculty of the Division of Athletic Training offer support to the proposed curriculum changes in the HHS degree to create a pre AT track.**

**Dr. Gribble asked for a vote of all members and the support was unanimous. All members signed the Memo from Dr. Kuperstein.**

Residency program: It was decided to keep the Monday afternoon meeting that was used to discuss curriculum changes to now discuss the residency program. These meetings will be every other Monday instead of weekly 2:30-4:30pm. **Phillip will send a meeting invite.** Division meetings are going to be held monthly and it was decided that 11am on Thursdays was the best time for all parties.

There are 9 applications for the new faculty position. Dr. Gribble has a meeting on Monday to discuss the applicants. He is hoping to have on campus interviews by mid Feb.

Web Improvements-Will has asked that the division think about changes they want made to the website. Phillip expressed concerns that the current Research page is not accurate. He asked everyone to think of specific changes to this page as well as the other pages under AT. Tim Butterfield found an error in a link to his lab. **Melissa asked him to email her the correct link and she will fix it after the meeting.**

Block Funding: The Grad School is going to offer the college \$28,000 to use for student travel or a PhD student assistantship. Phillip asked the faculty to think of other ways this might be used.

Creative Investments: The College has come into a large sum of money and the Dean would like to use this to help faculty get patents they might not otherwise be able to afford. Phillip suggested Tim Butterfield discuss a massage device.

Reminders:

- Vote on the handbook changes
- Students need to set up meetings with advisors, this is their responsibility.
- Mock proposals will be occurring soon. **Phillip will send a meeting invite per Tim Uhl's request.**
- Robinson and CHS Excellence Award deadlines are 2/22

Meeting adjourned at 11:03am

Appendix B: Letter from the Division of Athletic Training Faculty in support of the UK-CATS 3+2

January 18, 2017

Memorandum

TO: Janice Kuperstein, Chair, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, College of Health Sciences

FR: Faculty of the Division of Athletic Training, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences

RE: Support of Pre-Athletic Training Offering in HHS degree and Integration with 3+2 program

The faculty of the Division of Athletic Training in the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences and The College of Health Sciences offer support to the proposed curriculum changes in the Health and Human Sciences (HHS) degree to create a Pre-Athletic Training "track" offering. This will coincide nicely with the proposed changes in our Master of Science in Athletic Training (MAT) Degree program. After careful discussions and analysis, the need for the transition to an entry-level format in the curriculum to comply with the national accreditation standards affecting Athletic Training education is necessary, and our faculty have supported a previous proposal to transition our existing master degree to meet these impending national requirements.

The proposed offering for Pre-Athletic Training in HHS will provide undergraduate students at UK the necessary pre-requisites to prepare them for competitive admission into the MAT program. We have communicated with the faculty in HHS to help them formulate the appropriate sequence of courses that will meet these pre-requisites for admission here at UK as well as other similar graduate programs across the country.

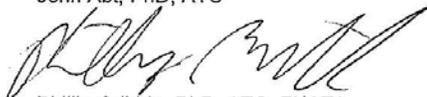
Additionally, we have worked with the faculty of HHS to evaluate the proposed Pre-AT track at the undergraduate level with our proposed MAT degree and have determined it would be viable and advantageous to offer a 3+2 sequence to UK students that identify Athletic Training as their career path. This sequence will provide positive and efficient opportunities to UK students. We have made it clear that this 3+2 partnership is not the exclusive path for admission into the MAT program, but this will provide a unique and attractive opportunity for students desiring to attend UK and pursue the profession of Athletic Training

Discussions with the administration of the College of Health Science has yielded support in resources and personnel necessary to make this transition. Therefore, by a vote of 5-0 at our Division Faculty meeting on January 19, 2017, we unanimously support the submission for a degree program revision and associated course proposals to transition our Master of Science in Athletic Training.

Sincerely,  
Division of Athletic Training Faculty



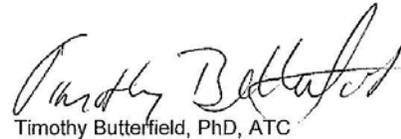
John Abt, PhD, ATC



Phillip Gribble, PhD, ATC, FNATA



Timothy Uhl, PhD, ATC, FNATA



Timothy Butterfield, PhD, ATC



Nick Heebner, PhD, ATC

Appendix C: Letter from the Division of Human Health Sciences in support of the UK-CATS 3+2

January 20, 2017

Memorandum

TO: Janice Kuperstein, Chair, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, College of Health Sciences

FR: Faculty of the Division of Health Sciences, Education and Research (HSER), Department of Clinical Sciences

RE: Support of Athletic Training Track in the HHS degree and Integration with the 3+2 Master's program

The faculty of the Division of HSER in the Department of Clinical Sciences offer the full support of faculty to integration of the Human Health Sciences program with the Master of Science in Athletic Training (MAT) to establish a 3+2 program. After careful discussions at our HSER division meetings on the following dates 1/9/17, 12/19/16, 12/12/16, 11/7/16, 8/17/16 (Retreat), and consideration of the impact the AT track will have on HHS student enrollment, classroom size and teaching loads and with support from Dean Lephart for added resources the faculty are fully supportive of adding the AT track to the HHS curriculum.

The proposed offering of an AT track in HHS will provide undergraduate students at UK the necessary pre-requisites to prepare them for competitive admission into the MAT program. We have communicated with the faculty in Athletic Training to help them formulate the appropriate sequence of courses that will meet these pre-requisites for admission here at UK as well as other similar graduate programs across the country.

Additionally, we have worked with the faculty of Athletic Training to develop the 3+2 program, keeping intact the core HHS curriculum ensuring that students will receive their baccalaureate degree after attaining 120 credit hours. We have made it clear that this 3+2 partnership is not the exclusive path for admission into the MAT program, but this will provide a unique, solid science foundation and a healthcare emphasis enabling students to attain both a baccalaureate and master's degree in 5 years which should be attractive route for many students.

Respectfully,

Interim Chair of Clinical Sciences, Phyllis Nash



Division of HSER Faculty:

  
Geza Bruckner, PhD  
Ming Chih, PhD  
Rachel Graham, PhD  
Karen Skaff, PhD  
Jami Warren, PhD.

Appendix D: Letter from the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotions Faculty in support of the UK-CATS 3+2



**Memorandum**

January 20, 2017

TO: Phillip Gribble, Director,  
Division of Athletic Training, College of Health Sciences

FR: Ben Johnson, Professor and Chair  
Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion, College of Education

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Johnson".

RE: Support of Proposed 3+2 Program in Athletic Training

The faculty of the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion offer support to the proposal from the College Health Sciences for a 3+2 degree program for Athletic Training. We have previously provided our support to the Division of Athletic Training for their proposed transition of their Master of Science in Athletic Training (MAT) that is already under review within the university. We understand the need for the transition of the MAT to an entry-level format in the curriculum to comply with the national accreditation standards affecting Athletic Training education.

We understand that the Division of Athletic Training and the College of Health Sciences is also proposing an offering for students at UK interested in pursuing the MAT that will allow combining existing bachelor's degrees at UK with the revised MAT, allowing students to complete both degrees in 5 years. We understand this is an effort to assist students to matriculate at UK in an efficient timeline by reducing the total number of years/semesters needed to complete both of the needed degrees to enter the profession of Athletic Training.

We understand that the 3+2 program being proposed is not the exclusive pathway for admission into the MAT. Students not in this 3+2 program from within UK or outside of UK may still have competitive admission into the MAT program at UK if they have met the required pre-requisites.

We understand that several of the pre-requisites for admission into the revised MAT could be acquired in our Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion (i.e. KHP 415: Biomechanics of Human Movement, KHP 420G: Physiology of Exercise, etc), and we look forward to having these students in our classes. The Department of Kinesiology and Division of Athletic Training have worked closely since 1999 and the collaboration has resulted in shared resources that have strengthened both programs.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Division of Athletic Training as they meet the requirements of their national accreditation commission to provide educational experiences for students interested in the pursuit of the profession of Athletic Training.

Appendix E: KENTUCKY OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK TO 2024