The Master of Athletic Training (M.A.Trg.) is a professional program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). The M.A.Trg. program prepares students to take the Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) examination and earn the ‘ATC’ credential. Didactic courses and clinical experience courses focus on prevention, assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries resulting from physical activity. This is a five-semester program starting in the summer term.

Option 1: Five-Year Program. This unique option allows the student to complete a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science and Master of Athletic Training (M.A.Trg) degree in five years.

- During years 1-3 students follow the North Dakota State University (NDSU) Exercise Science guidelines and curriculum**.
- Students apply to the M.A.Trg. program through the Athletic Training Centralized Application System (ATCAS) during the third year (typically Junior standing).
- Accepted students begin the M.A.Trg. program in the summer.
- During year 4 students complete both Exercise Science and M.A.Trg. courses. The Exercise Science degree is awarded in August.
- During year 5 students complete M.A.Trg. courses. Upon successful completion of all program and Graduate College requirements, the M.A.Trg. degree is awarded in May.

** Transfer students and students who change majors must follow the Exercise Science policies and curriculum. This may extend the time line for program completion.

Option 2: Two-Year Program. Students who have a conferred Bachelor’s degree in a related field will follow Option 2.

- Students apply to the M.A.Trg. program through the Athletic Training Centralized Application System (ATCAS).
- Accepted students begin the program in the summer.
- Years 1 and 2 students follow the M.A.Trg. Plan of Study for Option 2.
- Upon success complete of all program and Graduate College requirements, the M.A.Trg. degree is awarded in May.