

# Missouri Valley College Athletic Training Program BOC Exam Challenge Policy

The Program Director endorses each candidate's application on an individual basis as part of the BOC exam application process. The following criteria must be satisfied BEFORE a candidate's application to sit for and challenge the BOC exam is endorsed by the Program Director. Successful matriculation through the Missouri Valley College Athletic Training Program does not guarantee an athletic training student will be approved to sit for and challenge the BOC exam. An athletic training student who does not satisfy this policy or wishes to not challenge the BOC exam at the conclusion of their senior year can request their athletic training degree be converted into an exercise science degree and graduate with an exercise science degree.

- 1) Remain in good academic standing with Missouri Valley College and the Athletic Training Program as described in the Undergraduate Catalog and the Retention and Academic/Clinical Probation Policy.
- 2) Submit a Missouri Valley College "graduation plan" to the Registrar's office per Missouri Valley College policy and be registered for all necessary courses for graduation.
- 3) Receive a score of "mastery" on a minimum of 80% of the education competencies by the time the Program Director would endorse the BOC exam candidate. Receiving a score of "mastery" on every education competency remains a graduation requirement.
- 4) Provide proof of attendance and meet with the program director after an ACES preparatory workshop during the spring semester of his/her junior year; in conjunction with the MAATA district meeting. If the athletic training student is unable to attend at this specific time s/he must discuss with the program director of an alternative time s/he could attend the ACES workshop. All ACES fees (registration, travel, lodging, and food) are the responsibility of the athletic training student as described in the estimated and required fees and expenses document.
- 5) Obtain a minimum score of "satisfactory" in 4 of the 5 domain sections WITH an overall total weighted cumulative average of 70% on any single BOC self-assessment exams as taken in the "integrated test mode." Scores of "satisfactory" ***DO NOT*** carry over between attempts. If the minimum score is not received on a particular exam the athletic training student cannot attempt that exam again to satisfy this requirement (i.e., once exam #1 is taken it cannot be attempted again). An athletic training student must satisfy this requirement in order to receive a passing grade in AL480 (senior seminar). The athletic training student is allowed a maximum of five separate attempts to satisfy this requirement.

Exams will be conducted by the Program Director (or designee) in a controlled and supervised setting in accordance with regular standardized testing procedures. Exams will be offered monthly starting in November (for a February BOC exam window), January and February (for an April BOC exam window), and March and April (for a June BOC exam window). Athletic training students may choose any of these test dates when s/he believes s/he is prepared to fulfill this requirement. The Missouri Valley College Athletic Training Program will purchase the first exam attempt. Every other exam attempt is at the financial cost of the athletic training student.

6) If an athletic training student is unable to meet criteria #5 by final exam week; the athletic training student has the following choices.

Receive an “incomplete” for the AL480 (senior seminar) course. The athletic training student will have the opportunity to review and attempt the endorsement exam (following the same protocol as described in #5) until the conclusion of the following semester to satisfactorily complete this requirement; per the standard Missouri Valley College incomplete grade completion policy. If an athletic training student does not satisfy this requirement by the conclusion of the following semester s/he will receive the grade of “F” in the AL480 course and must repeat the course in its entirety during the subsequent spring semester.

Request their athletic training degree be converted into an exercise science degree. If an athletic training student chooses this option s/he will be allowed to graduate with all the rights and privileges of an exercise science degree graduate. However, the individual will be UNABLE to sit for their BOC exam at any time. The program director will discuss the ramifications of this option with the individual in further detail.

*Once an athletic training student has been endorsed by the Program Director to sit for and challenge the BOC exam; it is the athletic training students’ responsibility to pay all associated BOC exam fees and schedule a BOC exam date and time through the BOC website. The athletic training student is encouraged to choose a BOC exam date and time in which s/he will be most prepared to challenge the BOC exam. The candidate should not register for the closest BOC exam date unless the candidate feels prepared to pass the BOC exam on his/her first attempt.*