

## MSAT Application Review Processes

### What happens after you apply?

After you apply your application is processed by the MSAT program. During processing we're looking at two main things, is your application complete and do you meet our basic admission criteria? If there are missing items or we have questions, we'll reach out to you on a case-by-case basis. Assuming your application is complete (or will be before our next cohort start date), we will reach out to schedule an interview. Current Whitworth students may substitute an AT advisor rating for the interview. Interviews will be attended by at least two members of the AT program faculty or staff. Interview can be in-person or virtual; it is an opportunity for us to ask questions and get to know you better and for you to do the same. Our goal is to communicate admissions decisions within two weeks of the interview (for current Whitworth students who opt-out of the interview, within two weeks of submission of the completed application).

### How are final admissions decisions made?

We utilize a holistic admissions process. Holistic admissions means we use more than just your GPA or individual course performance (although those are factors too). We're interested in who you are and what you bring to our program, including work and life experience, extracurricular activities, professional goals, personality and more. Factors included in our admission rubric and their approximate weighting include:

- Cumulative GPA (~32%)
- Prerequisite GPA (~18%)
- Letters of Recommendation (~10%)
- Interview or, if applicable, Whitworth AT advisor rating (~20%)
- Résumé (~10%)
- Essay (~10%)

In order to incorporate these holistic elements in a process that is fair, we utilize a rubric for each item. Applicants who meet our minimum requirements are eligible for admission. If we have more applicants that spots in a given year, we utilize the admission rubric to rank applicants. We have up to 14 spots available annually, and typically aim for cohorts between 8-12 well-qualified students.

### FAQ 1: What if I have a weakness in one element of my application? Will you still consider me?

Answer: Yes, that's one benefit of a holistic admissions philosophy. Maybe you have one element pending completion (e.g. you haven't completed your observation hours yet, or are waiting on spring grades to post). Maybe you struggled in one prerequisite course, working hard but still earning a "C-". Because we use holistic admissions we can take that one data point into consideration within the big picture of your overall achievements and potential to be successful within our program.

### FAQ 2: What are the possible admissions decisions I may receive?

Answer: There are three basic categories of admissions decisions: full admission, conditional admission and not admitted. Each are described below.

- Full Admission: Applicant meets all admission requirements and has demonstrated high potential for success in the MSAT program as evaluated by the admission committee.
- Conditional Admission: Applicant has demonstrated potential for success in the MSAT program, but has at least one unmet admission requirement. Example 1: the applicant is currently enrolled in Intro to Psychology and final grades will not be posted until May (thus they have not met the requirement for a "C" or better in Intro to Psychology yet). Example 2: the applicant earned a C- in a required prerequisite but due to mitigating circumstances is allowed to start the MSAT program on academic probation until certain conditions are met. The admission letter will clearly list each outstanding requirement.
- Not Admitted: Candidate has not provided sufficient evidence for success in the MSAT program. Not admitted status may be assigned for failure to meet posted admission criteria (e.g. insufficient GPA, course not completed), or for an overall admission rubric score that is not competitive.