Degrees Offered: B.S. Natural Science/M.S. Athletic Training
B.S. in Health Promotion/M.S. Athletic Training

The BS/MS Athletic Training Program is a seamless 5-year construct in which students earn a Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion or Natural Science at the end of year 4, and a Master of Science in Athletic Training upon completion of year 5.

Reasons to Become an Athletic Trainer:
• Become a skilled health care professional dedicated to preventing, recognizing, treating, managing, and rehabilitating injuries.
• Graduate from an accredited program and pass the Board of Certification (BOC) exam.
• Become an integral part of the sports medicine team and work collaboratively with physicians, employers, patients, parents, guardians, and athletic personnel in the development and coordination of efficient and responsive health care delivery systems.
• Recognized by the American Medical Association (AMA) as an allied health care profession. The AMA recommends certified athletic trainers in every high school to keep America’s youth safe and healthy.

Athletic Training at Daemen:
• Students will be thoroughly prepared for the Board of Certification (BOC) exam. Daemen’s first time BOC passing rate is higher than the national average.
• A higher level of education allows our graduates to successfully compete in the current marketplace.
• Collaboration between Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant, and Nursing faculty allows students to learn from the experts in each department.
• Included in the curriculum is Gross Anatomy, which includes cadaver dissection, thus providing students with a strong foundation on which to build the rest of their education.
• Daemen College is at the forefront in offering an MSAT Program since 2012. As of 2022 all AT Programs will transition to Masters Degrees.
• Clinical education opportunities in a variety of settings, including Division I football, high school, professional sports, and physician offices. Also, students have several opportunities to perform research.

Where are recent graduates employed?
• East Coast Orthotics & Prosthetics Corp., Orthotic/Brace Fitter
• Ohio University, Athletic Training
• Inova Health System, Fairfax, VA
• University at Buffalo, Athletic Trainer
• Buffalo State College, Athletic Trainer
• Southern Methodist University, Athletic Trainer
**Athletic Training Students at Daemen are PREPARED**

**Requirements that will help your future:**

- All students complete a minimum of 800 hours of clinical educational experience and participate in research projects under the direction of faculty.
- Students gain clinical educational experience working under the expertise of the Athletic Trainers of Daemen College with NCAA Division II scholarship athletes.
- Students have the opportunity to fulfill service learning requirements through a trip to the Dominican Republic.
- The Athletic Training coursework at Daemen goes beyond the basics. Coursework includes, but is not limited to the following: anatomy and physiology, neuroscience, nutrition, pharmacology, kinesiology, exercise physiology, professional development, health care administration, prevention and care of athletic injuries, therapeutic modalities, therapeutic exercise, and assessment and evaluation.

**Career Options:**

Athletic Trainers are employed in secondary schools, colleges and universities, professional sports, sports medicine clinics, military, and in the industrial and commercial settings. Employment of Athletic Trainers is projected to grow 21% from 2014-2024, which is “faster than average” of all occupations, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. According to the National Athletic Trainers’ Association, more than 70% of certified Athletic Trainers have at least a Master’s Degree.

**Sean Burfeind, Athletic Training**

“I believe some of the most valuable portions of the Athletic Training program are the strong anatomy background and the diversity of clinical rotations. Being able to work with a multitude of different professionals better prepares you for the real world.

Since completing my residency in August 2014, I have now taken a position working as an Athletic Trainer in a physician practice with a knee and shoulder sports medicine surgeon in Virginia assisting him both in the clinic as well as in the operating room. In addition to physician extending, I have also been had the opportunity to work with the U.S. Men’s Soccer program providing athletic training coverage for camps and tournaments across the country and world.

With small class sizes Daemen allows you to receive high quality education and plenty of hands-on time in labs. Being able to succeed in a variety of different settings is a testament to the strong educational background received at Daemen.”

**Rachel Reichart, Athletic Training**

“At Daemen College, Athletic Training Student’s (ATs) are extremely prepared to succeed in the profession of Athletic Training (AT) due to the knowledge, skills, and professionalism instilled and expected of ATs from professors and preceptors who are experts in the field. As an AT, you are taught to problem solve, use your clinical experiences, and evidence-based practices to one day be able to provide the best patient-centered care possible. Also, ATs are exposed to variety of clinical settings and opportunities within the profession.

The professors in the AT program demand excellence, provide a holistic approach to learning, and are currently or previously ATs with years of experience in a variety of clinical settings. ATs are encouraged to become involved in and promote the profession in the Daemen College community, athletic training community, and local community through the Athletic Training Student Association, National Associations, and volunteering for local events. These experiences and the rigors of the program not only allow for one to apply to scholarships and professional internships as a student, but further enhance the students’ resumes to position them ahead of their peers.”

The Daemen College Athletic Training Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE).

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