Master of Science in Athletic Training

Degrees Offered: Master of Science in Athletic Training

This direct AT entry program is designed for students with a baccalaureate degree. The program involves two years of study in athletic training courses plus one summer of courses including Gross Anatomy. Students have two full years of clinical experience with opportunities in DI football and hockey organizations, high schools, physician offices, and with professional sports teams.

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.
- Be 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 allow 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 must transition to master’s degrees.
- Students have a variety of opportunities to perform research.

Career Options:

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.
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.

Selected Athletic Training students have the opportunity to fulfill their clinical experience with the Buffalo Bills athletic training staff.

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, 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 given 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 a 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 I received at Daemen."

Lauren Dufi, Athletic Training

"Athletic Trainers (ATs) are able to learn from experienced professors and clinical preceptors with different backgrounds that allow the students to become multifaceted and more marketable post-graduation. I was selected to attend the NYSATA, an ATS leadership conference, which afforded me the opportunity to network with AT’s from Washington State University. I eventually took a post-graduate internship position with WSU’s football program, where I gained experience in Division 1 athletics. After completing my internship at WSU, I was hired as a full-time staff member at the University at Buffalo in charge of the Men’s Soccer and Track and Field. Daemen’s Athletic Training program has provided me with a strong educational base, real-life experiences, and the critical thinking ability to thrive in the Athletic Training profession."

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

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