

Athletic Training

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training

Marietta College's Athletic Training program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE).

As an Athletic Training student at Marietta, you'll study anatomy using a human cadaver – something most students never see until medical school. You'll learn everything from athletic training and applied nutrition to pathophysiology and kinesiology. The Athletic Training program at Marietta gives you a major that integrates intensive study of both medicine and the health sciences with broad educational foundation that instills in you the critical thinking and communication skills that careers in the health care industry demand.

Full-time faculty:

Sam Crowther, Associate Professor
Jessica Rager, Assistant Professor
Kemery Sigmund, Assistant Professor
Jaclyn Schwieterman, Assistant Professor

Facilities:

Treatment rooms
Taping room
Cadaver room
Satellite-training rooms
Areas for electrotherapy and hydrotherapy



Sample Courses:

General Microbiology
Human Physiology
General Chemistry I
Practical Statistics, Intermediate Statistics,
Introduction to Psychology
Emergency Response/CPR for the Professional Rescuer
Fundamentals of Athletic Training
Lower Extremity Assessment (with Lab)
Upper Extremity Assessment (with Lab)
Applied Nutrition
Personal Health

Medical Aspects of Sports Medicine
Therapeutic Rehabilitation
Therapeutic Modalities
Head and Spine Assessment (with Lab)
Advanced Assessment
General Medical Conditions and Disabilities
Physiology of Exercise
Practical Biomechanics
Pathophysiology
Cadaver Anatomy
Health Care Organization and Administration
Research and Design (Capstone)

Clinical Field Experiences:

Once admitted into the Athletic Training Program, students are required to fulfill a minimum of four clinical field experiences. Students will be assigned to an ACI (Approved Clinical Instructor) during the four field experiences. These field experiences consist of a lower extremity intensive rotation, a upper extremity rotation, a equipment intensive rotation, and a general medical rotation. These rotations will be completed on-campus, and off campus. Students must give priority to the fulfillment of all clinical commitments, which means holding down a part-time job or participating in athletics is difficult, but not impossible. Students are expected to assume responsibility for their own transportation to various clinical assignments that are off campus.

Internships:

Our varsity sports teams serve as natural laboratories for athletic training students. Assigned to the various teams, all our majors accrue at least 800 clinical hours during four semesters. You'll receive comprehensive training by dealing with athletic injuries and overseeing rehabilitation therapy. Off campus, you'll gain knowledge by working at privately owned sports medicine clinics, physician offices and hospital emergency rooms in the Marietta area.

Opportunities for Your Future:

Marietta's excellent reputation in Athletic Training opens the door for graduates, who are accepted into some of the most competitive health-related graduate programs in the country. In fact, many of our graduates go on to earn a master's, Ph.D., or professional degree and pursue careers in sports medicine, physical therapy, exercise physiology, nutrition, medicine, nursing and physician assistants.

Our students have earned advanced degrees from the University of Virginia, the University of North Carolina, the University of Arizona, Ohio University, the University of Cincinnati, Marshall University, Chatham University, Widener University, Hahneman University, and the University of Pittsburgh.

Because our majors are qualified to sit for the BOC exam prior to graduation, they can enter the job market as certified athletic trainers (ATC's). Graduates who enter the work force immediately after graduation can work as athletic trainers in educational settings, with sports teams and in the clinical or industrial rehabilitation environments.

What can I do with this degree?

Physical Therapy
Certified Athletic Trainer
Physician Assistant
Exercise Physiologist

Graduate Programs:

Illinois State University, MS, Athletic Training
Quinnipac University, Exercise Science
Marshall University, MS, Exercise Science
Old Dominion University, MS, Athletic Training

**Career Outcomes of MC Graduates:**

Head Athletic Trainer, University of North Carolina-Wilmington
Certified Athletic Trainer, First Settlement Physical Therapy
Epidemiologist, Center for Disease Control
Professor, Department of Orthopedic Surgery, University of Virginia
Director of Sports Nutrition, The Ohio State University
Orthopedic Physician
Head Athletic Trainer, New York Islanders Hockey Club

"The ability to think critically was one of the most valuable tools I collected at Marietta College. The leadership program in conjunction with my athletic training, biology and varsity athletics experience provided a challenging curriculum and schedule, preparing me to better manage the professional and personal challenges that come along with my work today."

Elizabeth "Fizzy" Ramsey, Class of 2007 and Class of 2011, Marietta College Physician Assistant Program