



ATHLETIC TRAINING

Master of Science in Athletic Training

Experience seven supervised clinical rotations, rigorous coursework and professional development as you obtain a Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) at Franklin College. The CAATE accredited MSAT program combines traditional learning with immersive, hands-on experiences in a variety of settings that empower you to learn in and outside the classroom. Leave the program prepared to successfully challenge the national Board of Certification exam, secure a full-time athletic training position, and become a leader in the profession.

100%

of our students are placed into athletic training positions or additional graduate studies within two months of graduation.

THE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

Evidence-based practice and hands-on learning

As part of a close-knit cohort, MSAT students attend class two days per week, studying anatomy, pathology, diagnoses, prevention and more in an environment that enables one-on-one relationships between students and faculty. The department's pedagogy emphasizes evidence-based practice and hands-on learning, an approach that bridges the divide between textbooks and practical application, and enables students to make decisions based on real-world research and evidence – a necessity in this ever-changing field.

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Seven customizable clinical rotation experiences

MSAT students participate in a unique clinical rotation experience three to five days per week at locations selected based on each individual's career goals. Throughout the clinical experience, students learn alongside practicing health professionals who serve as their mentors and real-world instructors, guiding them through diagnoses and patient care processes. Partner sites include:

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- Professional sports teams
- NCAA Division I athletics
- High school athletics
- Physician's offices
- Physical therapy and rehabilitation clinics
- Sports performance centers
- Emergency rooms
- Orthopedic clinics/surgery

Students continue to build relationships and gain industry insights as they can choose to attend two annual professional conferences – the Indiana and Great Lakes Athletic Trainers' Association annual symposiums – both with minimal out-of-pocket expenses.

POST-GRADUATION

Leveraging a legacy of excellence

After the fall of 2020, the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) will require a master's degree in order to take the board of certification exam and become a certified athletic trainer. Continuing its legacy of excellence in athletic training education, Franklin College is ahead of the trend, already producing highly-qualified professionals and future leaders in the industry who are currently employed at:

- High schools to prevent and treat athletic injuries
- Industrial sites like Monarch Beverage to treat and help reduce injuries by integrating injury prevention tools
- The Arizona Diamondbacks, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and Jamestown Rebels of the North American Hockey League to directly diagnose, treat, and rehabilitate professional athletes
- NCAA division I settings to holistically treat the athletes and help them return-to-play as quickly as possible

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

- **Customizable rotations:** Students gain a breadth of experience during their first two semesters as they complete four one-month clinical rotations. In January, they participate in a surgical orthopedic rotation, observing procedures right in the operating room. Students spend each of the next three semesters at different clinical sites selected based on their career interests, and have the option to spend the summer between their first and second year interning at a clinical site anywhere in the country. Past summer internship sites include: ESPN Wide World of Sports, South Bend Cubs, NASA, South Dakota State University, multiple NCAA Division I settings.
- **3+2 option:** While students can receive an MSAT via the traditional two-year program, the expedited 3+2 program gives Franklin College students the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree in a chosen major – exercise science is recommended – and a Master of Science in Athletic Training in just five years.
- **Two embedded certifications:** Students who successfully complete the MSAT program are automatically credentialed in Graston Technique® (GT) M1-Basic Training and the Functional Movement Screen (FMS) Level 1. These certifications are ingrained into coursework and save students both time and financial resources that would be spent on post-graduation trainings and certifications.
- **Program contact information:** Read more about the program at www.FranklinCollege.edu/msat or contact the MSAT Program Director Jennifer Austin, Ph.D., LAT, ATC at 317.738.8001 or msatprogram@FranklinCollege.edu.