

# MS in Athletic Training

## Why a Master's Degree?

Did you know a master's degree is required after 2026 to become a licensed athletic trainer? That is why UCM now offers a Master of Science in Athletic Training. Our expert faculty allows us to offer a diverse course catalog laying a solid foundation in your lasting career in athletic training. This competitive degree has both classroom and clinical education components to make you a sought-after professional.



## Learn in Our State-Of-The-Art-Facility

Designed to be at the forefront of modern health care education, UCM is home to the VanDam Athletic Training Facility, a 6,000 square-foot facility. This student-focused area includes labs and classrooms with more than \$250,000 worth of state-of-the-art equipment and resources.

## Clinical Experiences

Throughout this two-year plan of study, you will be exposed to various clinical experiences that involve the day-to-day duties of an athletic trainer. The UCM athletic training program has clinical sites with:

- UCM intercollegiate athletics
- Regional high school
- Orthopedic surgeon offices
- Regional hospitals and Primary care offices
- Outpatient rehabilitation clinics

## Land an In-Demand Career

The field of athletic training offers endless job opportunities and career paths. Athletic training is recognized by the American Medical Association and the Department of Health and Human Services as a healthcare profession. Athletic trainers work in a variety of professional settings, including:

- Intercollegiate athletics
- Secondary schools
- Professional sports
- Physician offices
- Law enforcement and military
- Occupational and industrial settings
- Performing arts



## Focus on Your Future, Not Your Funding

Finding and applying for scholarships is easier than ever with the UCM Scholarship Finder, which allows students to apply for multiple scholarships with a single application. See what you may qualify for by visiting [ucmo.edu/scholarshipfinder](http://ucmo.edu/scholarshipfinder).



## Accreditation

The University of Central Missouri is currently seeking accreditation for their new Athletic Training program and is not accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). The institution will be submitting a self-study to begin the accreditation process on July 1, 2021. Submission of the self-study and completion of a site visit does not guarantee that the program will become accredited. Students that graduate from the program prior to accreditation WILL NOT be eligible to sit for the credentialing examination for athletic trainers and will not be eligible for licensure in most states.

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