

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's why the University of Central Missouri now offers a Master of Science in Athletic Training. Our expert faculty allows us to offer a diverse course catalog laying a solid foundation for 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 including a functional rehabilitation area, a cardiovascular area, treatment and taping stations, and more.

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
- Public safety and military
- Occupational and industrial settings
- Performing arts

Focus on Your Future, Not Your Funding

We have various opportunities to help fund your advanced degree, including program-specific scholarship opportunities like the MSAT admissions scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to the first five students admitted to the program each year.

UCM makes finding and applying for scholarships easy with UCM Scholarship Finder, which gives you access to 685+ UCM Alumni Foundation Scholarships. Complete your application before the priority deadline of Feb. 1 for your greatest chance of being selected.

The scholarship application closes on March 15. See what you may qualify for by visiting ucmo.edu/scholarshipfinder.

Graduate Career Ready

Thanks to our hands-on academic approach, we ensure you graduate career-ready with real-world experience that sets you apart. Our expert faculty members are fully credentialed and actively engaged in their profession, allowing you to learn from their unique perspectives. We are currently seeking accreditation for this new MS in Athletic Training program through the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) and began the accreditation process by submitting a self-study on July 1, 2022. 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 receiving 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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