The Professional Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) program develops students' knowledge and skills necessary to be a certified athletic trainer. The full-time, two-year 62 credit program provides students with a didactic and clinical curriculum that addresses the professional education standards as established by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). Students are prepared to become evidence-based health care professionals through a combination of classroom, clinical education, and research experiences.

The program at the University of Connecticut is unrivaled in its ability to expose students to diversified clinical education experiences with a focus in intercollegiate athletics, youth sports and non-traditional settings. Students also have the opportunity to learn from experts in the fields of qualitative research and sport safety. Students will learn and be exposed to research first hand through state of the art research labs including the Korey Stringer Institutes Mission Heat Lab, the UConn Sport Optimization and Rehabilitation (SOAR) lab, and the Human Performance Lab. Additionally, the UConn Athletic Training and Physical Therapy Programs are collaboratively aligned within the Department of Kinesiology, affording students the unique aspect of interdisciplinary health care education.

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Points of Distinction:

Students are mentored during their tenure by preceptors in a variety of settings and by faculty who are nationally recognized in their respective areas of expertise. With a low student-to-faculty ratio, athletic training faculty can provide personalized education by getting to know each student and assist them as they work towards their individual career goals.

UConn demonstrates a strong success rate on the Board of Certification (BOC) examination each year, with a 98% first-time pass rate over the last 10 years.

Our alumni are employed in a variety of clinical settings including professional sport (i.e. Denver Broncos, Carolina Panthers), colleges, high schools, performing arts/industrial (Cirque du Soleil), and sports medicine clinics.

Coursework is grounded in a 62 credit two-year, year-round academic program beginning in May of each calendar year.

The program focuses on evidence-based practice, clinical reasoning, therapeutic interventions, professional development, and hands-on patient care in a variety of settings.

The high-quality clinical education provides students with the opportunity to gain clinical skills and knowledge application in a variety of settings under the supervision and mentorship of preceptors. The program offers a variety of clinical sites in the local Storrs and Hartford areas, and they range from university sports to high schools to rehabilitation clinics and primary/urgent care (i.e. University of Hartford, Trinity College, Tolland High School, EO Smith High School, The Pomfret School, Student Health Services). Placements are done carefully and to reflect the students learning needs and professional career goals.

With the assistance of the program faculty, students have the opportunity to explore clinical education experiences nationwide during their immersive clinical education rotations, affording students the ability to match their athletic training clinical experience with the setting they aspire to be in.

Students will experience interprofessional education as a means to be ready to deliver a collaborative effort in patient care. Students will engage in planned learning opportunities that include didactic learning and skill application with physical therapy and other healthcare professional students, as well as a variety of healthcare providers (i.e. physicians, nurse practitioners).

Prerequisite Admissions Requirements:

Prospective students interested in pursuing the Professional Master of Science in Athletic Training program must meet the following prerequisites:

- Must have earned a bachelor’s degree
- Transcript verification that the following college courses have been completed within the past (7) years:
  - Biology
  - Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II*
  - Chemistry
  - Physics
  - Psychology
  - Statistics
  - Exercise Science or Exercise Physiology
  - Nutrition

(*The requirement for Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II can be substituted with separate Human Anatomy and Human Physiology courses)

Application Guidelines:

Apply online using both the Athletic Training Centralized Application Service (ATCAS) (atcas.liaisoncas.com) and to the UConn Graduate school (https://connect.grad.uconn.edu/apply/). You will be required to submit the following:

- Official transcripts using the Transcript Request Form which document all required college courses
- Provide Course Descriptions for all Prerequisite Courses
- Request 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Provide a Statement of Interest and Professional Goals.

The statement is an important aspect of the application, as it is the chance for the program faculty to learn more about you and reasons for applying to the program. The statement should define your characteristics as a person and a future health care provider. The MS in Athletic Training program is rigorous and time intensive, thus students are encouraged to reflect on their strengths and ability to succeed.