

Master of Science in Athletic Training

Mission Statement

The mission of the Clarion University Master of Science in Athletic Training Program is to provide a quality academic experience that includes innovative student-centered opportunities and authentic clinical education in order to prepare students as autonomous healthcare practitioners, scholars, and lifelong learners.

Program Objectives

1. Provide a rigorous educational program that ensures athletic training students are properly trained and knowledgeable to function in a variety of settings and provide continuum of care for a diverse population of patients engaged in a range of activities with varying conditions.
 - 1.1. Collaborate with health care professionals from multiple disciplines to provide appropriate patient care.
 - 1.2. Demonstrate preparedness to transition to autonomous clinical practice by providing athletic training students with authentic real-time patient interactions.
 - 1.3. Incorporate patient outcomes and best available evidence to develop clinical care plans for a diverse population in a variety of employment settings.
2. To prepare students to successfully integrate evidence-based practice in their ability to critically think and apply clinical skills and decision making in their role as healthcare providers.
 - 2.1. Demonstrate proficiency in developing and answering a focused clinical question
 - 2.2. Demonstrate competency in searching, examining and critically assessing the efficacy of current literature for relevant evidence associated with means of clinical diagnosis, rehabilitation, therapeutic interventions and reconditioning programs.
 - 2.3. Incorporate available evidence into the design and implementation of rehabilitation programs to meet the client/patient needs and goals according to their level of performance and function.
3. Understand and promote professional responsibilities and avenues of professional development to support athletic training as a health care profession through professional and community involvement
 - 3.1. Engage in professional development and networking through interaction and attendance at professional meetings and educational opportunities.
 - 3.2. Participate in opportunities that promote lifelong learning, professional development and serve to benefit the community at large without regard to personal gain.

4. To prepare students to function as patient advocates in an evolving healthcare network which incorporates patient education, literacy and communication in a coordinated shared decision-making model.
 - 4.1. Describe the importance of respecting patient autonomy and the value of individualized patient care plans.
 - 4.2. Demonstrate characteristics and values that align with sociocultural and global resonance in clinical practice.
 - 4.3. In collaboration with various healthcare professionals, incorporate a customized and comprehensive care plan based on specific patient objectives to guide clinical decision-making.