

Announcing the First Doctor of Athletic Training (DAT) degree in the nation



This flexible, innovative program boasts a hybrid of online and on-campus instruction over a 24-month period, during which students will gain specialty training and advanced clinical skills relevant to today's interdisciplinary job market. We offer 6 semesters of the most current manual therapy theories and practices. The program includes 4 weeks of on-campus instruction each summer followed by off-campus clinical residencies in the fall and spring.

During the clinical residencies, didactic course work is delivered via a combined framework of synchronous and asynchronous distance learning with the goal of advancing each student's clinical practice skills. Integrated clinical research experiences will help students become the scholarly practitioners who shape the future of health care. As part of the program, we develop an understanding of the current theories in prevention and rehabilitation while exploring many current manual therapies related to musculoskeletal diseases and disorders.

Program Strengths

- Flexibility for the practicing clinician (live anywhere in the country, employed or not). Students may choose their own residency, which is innovative in post-professional athletic training education.
- A network of clinicians committed to improving their clinical practice.
- A cohesive curriculum of didactic (classroom) and clinical coursework emphasizing advanced clinical practice.
- Original, applied clinical research focused on advancing clinical practice.
- Focused residencies within the student's chosen area of clinical practice (setting or specialty).
- Integrating translational research so students become scholarly practitioners who use evidence-based practice to prevent and treat musculoskeletal diseases and disorders.

Points of Distinction

- Building a specialty knowledge base through a mentor-guided residency experience.
- Research areas focused in prevention and rehabilitation of musculoskeletal diseases and disorders.
- Evidence-based practice and clinical innovation through practice-based evidence.
- Interdisciplinary translational research.

Clinical Residencies

A major strength of the DAT is the design of the individualized residency experience. Students will identify a setting or specialty area to work in during their DAT residencies (similar to medical residencies), and will select a clinical mentor. Residencies will vary for each student according to individual interests. All residencies must be approved by the DAT faculty prior to beginning training.

Original Research

All students will conduct original research in a chosen area of clinical practice. Patient care data will be collected each day at their clinical sites and these data will serve as the foundation of the student's original clinical research projects.

Curriculum Delivery

The DAT is a 24-month program with 2 four-week sessions of on-campus coursework with the rest delivered via an online learning platform that focuses on actual clinical practice. Coursework in the DAT has three foci: current issues in clinical practice, applied research in athletic training, and clinical residency.

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Curriculum and Sequencing

Summer I (on campus)			Fall I (online)			Spring I (online)		
Course	Title	Cr	Course	Title	Cr	Course	Title	Cr
AT 606	Professional and Post-Professional Education in Athletic Training	3	AT 621	Action Research in Athletic Training	3	AT 622	Advanced Action Research in Athletic Training	3
AT 610	Evidence Based Practice in Athletic Training	3	AT 630	Current Issues in Clinical Practice I	3	AT 631	Current Issues in Clinical Practice II	3
AT 620	Research Methods in Athletic Training	3	AT 640	Clinical Residency I	6	AT 641	Clinical Residency II	6
Semester Total		9	Semester Total		12	Semester Total		12
Summer II (on campus)			Fall II (online)			Spring II (online)		
Course	Title	Cr	Course	Title	Cr	Course	Title	Cr
AT 607	Leadership and Mentoring in Athletic Training Clinical Practice	3	AT 624	Quantitative Methods and Statistics	3	AT 625	Dissertation of Clinical Practice Improvement: Analysis and Dissemination of Action Research	3
AT 611	Advanced Evidence-Based Practice in Athletic Training	3	AT 632	Current Issues in Clinical Practice III	3	AT 633	Current Issues in Clinical Practice IV	3
AT 623	Qualitative Methods and Research Design in Athletic Training	3	AT 642	Clinical Residency III	6	AT 643	Clinical Residency IV	6
Semester Total		9	Semester Total		12	Semester Total		12

Target Audience

Our DAT program is designed for talented AT clinicians who are interested in improving their clinical practice through a structured academic program with a clinical practice residency. Minimum requirements include current athletic training certification and licensure in the intended state of practice. Preference for admission will be given to individuals who have a 3.0 or higher GPA and a master's degree OR a bachelor's degree and three years of professional athletic training experience and 75 CEUs.

Scenic Location

Explore scenic Idaho! With clean air and temperate climate, Moscow, Idaho is the perfect place to study. Enjoy the many bike trails and friendly health-conscious community. Idaho has a unique recreation profile, with a blend of small rural towns and larger urban centers nestled among large wilderness areas and public lands. Use your weekends to raft, canoe, or kayak on one of our many rivers and pristine lakes; Backpacking, golfing, tennis, mountain biking, skiing, snowshoeing, or rock climbing is available in most of our 34 mountain ranges. Enjoy one of our four national, 30 state, or numerous municipal and city parks.

How to Apply

To learn more about the program and how to apply, email movementsscience@uidaho.edu or call 208-885-7921.
Department of Movement Sciences
uidaho.edu/athletictrainingprogram

Cost

The DAT program is offered as an inclusive package for ease of planning. Tuition, and most; fees, books, and supplies are included for a total cost of under \$20,000 per year. Discounted housing may be available during the summer on-campus components. Students may be employed while enrolled in the DAT program and Federal Student Loans, and grants are also available.

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