Reasons to choose our program...

Western Michigan University’s Department of Human Performance and Health Education has a long, proud history of outstanding achievements across an array of academic fields related to human performance and health education. The department is housed in the College of Education and Human Development, which has the longest-standing history among all of the colleges at WMU with more than 100 years of tradition, excellence and success.

The Master of Science in Athletic Training (M.S.) degree exposes students to a wide variety of the latest techniques and concepts in athletic training and related disciplines.

In this program, students will:

- Complete coursework within the athletic training major that accentuates human performance and conditioning, with emphasis in aquatic therapy, strength and conditioning, manual therapy, and orthopedic fabrication
- Participate in a two-year clinical placement to enhance skills and techniques; increase confidence and leadership; promote autonomy; and refine communication skills with athletes, coaches, administrators and peers
- Learn current research techniques and trends, how to decipher research in professional journals and to apply research in the professional atmosphere
- Have opportunities to participate in community events to enhance clinical experiences and network with other professionals
- Work closely with other allied health medical professionals in and around Kalamazoo

Points of Pride

- 26 countries represented by H.P.H.E. students
- 1,000 H.P.H.E. students enrolled each year
- $32 million, state-of-the-art student recreation center houses the department, which includes a fitness center, swimming pool, racquetball and tennis courts, a climbing wall and multi-purpose gymnasiuems
- One of only 11 graduate programs in athletic training in the United States
- 200 publications been authored and over 500 presentations made by department faculty at international, national, regional, state and local professional conferences since 1994

Industry Highlights

All students who graduate find employment in various aspects of the profession, from high schools to professional sport settings.
Athletic Training

Teaching, Research and Program Focus Areas
The program’s mission is to create a challenging learning environment which nurtures student professional growth, self confidence, and inspires students to be independent thinkers, problem solvers and thoughtful decision makers for years to come in the athletic training professional discipline.

Students have ample opportunities to work within the local community to enhance their clinical skills and develop working relationships with other allied medical professionals.

Funding
All students who are accepted into the graduate athletic training program are automatically provided with an assistantship. All assistantships pay $17,700 for two years. Openings are available in the WMU Sports Medicine Clinic and area high schools. Although students may request a particular assistantship, placements are determined by the graduate athletic training selection committee.

Admission
Applications are accepted for the fall semester only.

Domestic
Fall 2018: Jan. 31, 2018

International
Fall 2018: April 1, 2018

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