



A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO PURSUING AN  
**MS IN ATHLETIC TRAINING**

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# **AN INTRODUCTION TO ATHLETIC TRAINING: WHAT IT IS AND WHAT ATHLETIC TRAINERS DO**

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Certified athletic trainers are highly-qualified, skilled health care professionals that work in collaboration with physicians.

The practice of athletic training encompasses preventing, examining, diagnosing, treating, and rehabilitating emergent, acute, or chronic injuries and medical conditions in the physically active population.

The athletic training academic curriculum and clinical training follows the medical model. Athletic trainers must graduate from a CAATE-accredited program.

A [Master of Science in Athletic Training](#) is a professional degree that provides students with the skills and knowledge they need to become certified athletic trainers.

Through classroom instruction and clinical training, students at Neumann University gain the expertise necessary to compete in this field. The future of athletic training is certainly one without boundaries, and Neumann University is in the position to educate students to succeed in this evolving profession.



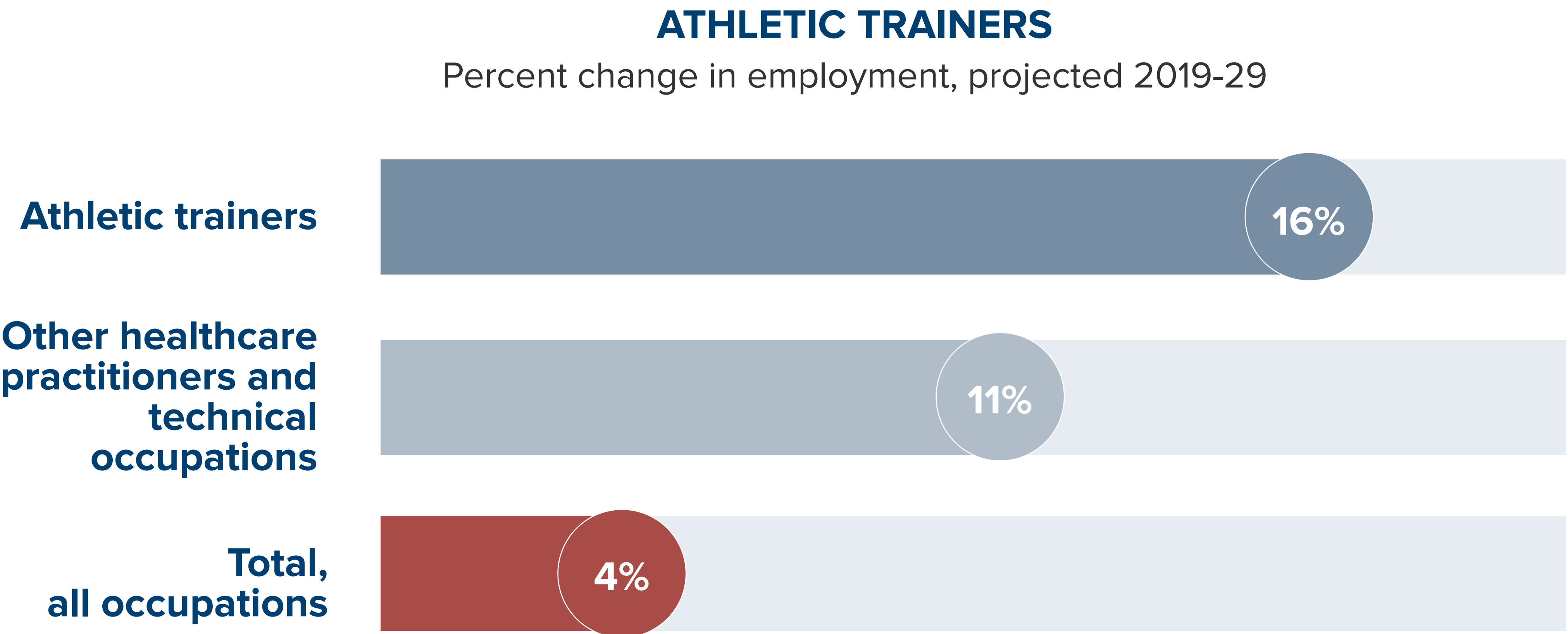
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## **EMPLOYMENT TRENDS AND SALARY EXPECTATIONS**



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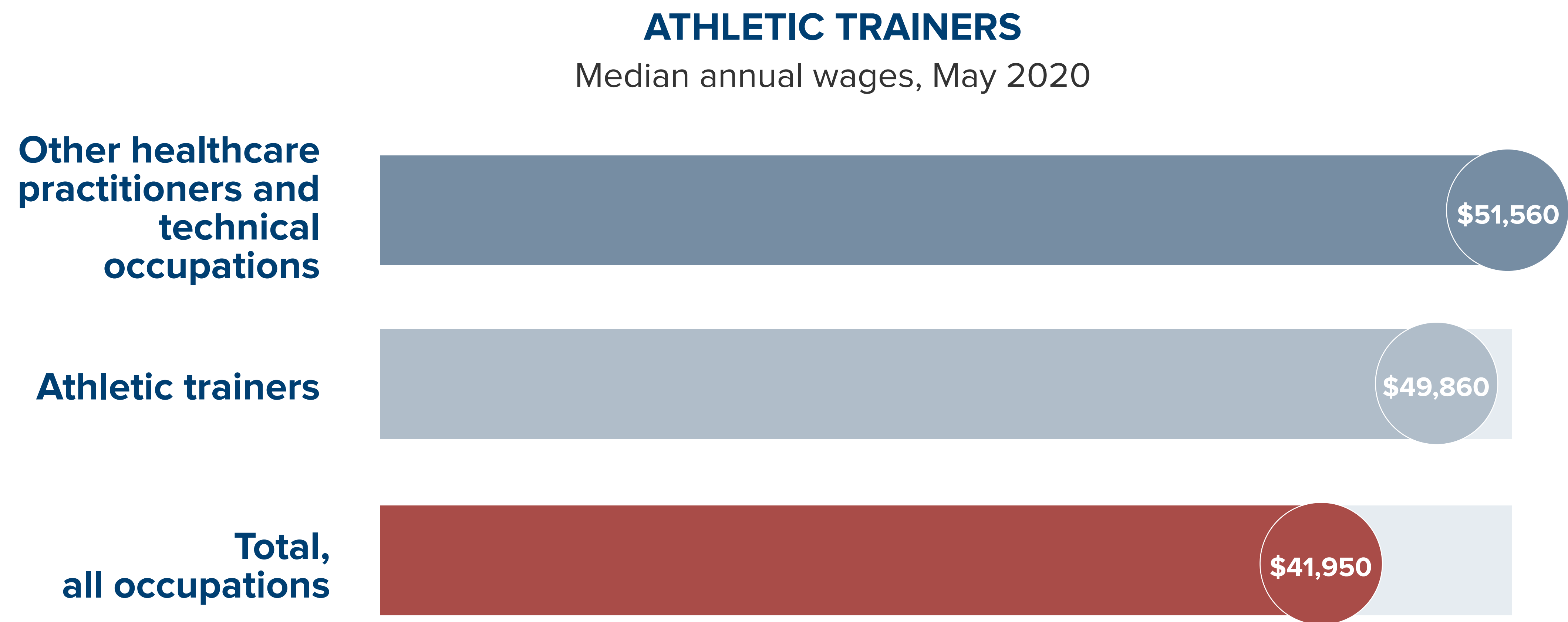
Athletic training is a field that is expanding rapidly. Due largely to an aging population as well as to a growing awareness of the seriousness of sports-related injuries, [the industry is expected to grow](#) an astounding 16 percent by 2029.



Note: All Occupations includes all occupations in the U.S. Economy.  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Projections program

# EMPLOYMENT TRENDS AND SALARY EXPECTATIONS

The salary that you can expect to earn as a certified athletic trainer [may vary by state](#). If you're a local, you may be surprised to learn that Pennsylvania employs more athletic trainers than almost any other state in the United States! In Pennsylvania, skilled professionals can earn upwards of \$50,000 annually.



Note: All Occupations includes all occupations in the U.S. Economy.  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics

Job prospects in other major cities are attractive as well: In Washington D.C., athletic trainers can earn over \$70,000 per year, whereas top earners in Massachusetts and Connecticut make around \$60,000 per year.

## EMPLOYMENT TRENDS AND SALARY EXPECTATIONS

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### Not Your Typical Office Environment: Where Do Athletic Trainers Work?

Certified athletic trainers work everywhere from hospital emergency departments and sports medicine clinics to secondary schools, industrial settings, and professional sports teams.

Athletic trainers work with a range of patients and can assume a variety of positions in traditional and emerging clinical settings. Employment settings include:

- High schools
- Colleges
- Universities
- Professional sports teams
- Hospitals
- Rehabilitation clinics
- Physicians' offices
- Corporate and industrial institutions
- Law enforcement and military
- Performing arts

Regardless of their practice setting, athletic trainers practice athletic training according to their education and state practice act.

You may be surprised to hear that athletic trainers have also been becoming increasingly valuable in the [U.S. military](#), where they play a valuable role in ensuring the health and safety of active duty soldiers.

[Public safety](#) is another setting where athletic training professionals can be of use. Here, they work with firefighters and police officers in preventing injuries in these often strenuous professions.





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## **NEUMANN'S HYBRID MS IN ATHLETIC TRAINING: UNIQUE PROGRAM FEATURES & ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**



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The 43 credit [Master of Science in Athletic Training Program](#) can be completed in 2.5 years. This program is aligned with the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE.net).

The didactic portion of the program is taught by experienced faculty in hybrid format, utilizing online and face to face instruction in our new state of the art Health Science Center.

The Athletic Training program offers a low student-to-faculty ratio that provides individualized learning in both the classroom and clinical settings. **There are four clinical (practicum) experiences that enhance classroom content providing opportunity for applied learning under the supervision of a certified athletic trainer.** Students will also participate in at least one “immersive clinical experience” during the last year in the program.





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Neumann's location in the greater Philadelphia region complements our offering of a wide variety of unique clinical opportunities. **This allows students to be exposed to both traditional (professional sports) and non-traditional clinical athletic training experiences.** Students will also have the opportunity to participate in sports medicine research under the guidance of our faculty.

Coursework and Clinical Experiences will provide advanced sequential knowledge and skill acquisition that, at its completion, will prepare students to take the BOC examination. Lastly, students are exposed and encouraged to participate alongside faculty in a variety of professional development opportunities.

### Coursework Highlights

- Advanced Functional Anatomy
- Orthopedic Evaluation
- Therapeutic Exercise
- Pharmacology
- Sports Medicine Research





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## Clinical Experience Examples

### Clinics/Physician

- ATI-PT Newark
- Drexel Medicine
- Kinetic PT
- Optimum PT
- Rothman Institute

### Unique Clinicals

- Disney/ESPN Wide World of Sports
- Philadelphia Union II
- Philadelphia Flyers
- U.S. Coast Guard
- The Energy Lab

### High Schools

- Archmere Academy
- Interboro HS
- Strath Haven HS
- Sun Valley HS
- Westtown School

### College/University

- Drexel University
- LaSalle University
- Neumann University
- St. Joseph's University
- Villanova University

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## Athletic Training Programs Features

- CAATE-Accredited Entry Level Master's Program
- Hybrid Course Format
- All course instruction will take place in brand new Health Science Center
- Diverse clinical experience opportunity
- Low student-to-faculty ratio
- Involvement in sports medicine research

The course of study prepares students with a strong foundation in both didactic and clinical practice that is also aligned with the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), which are essential to professional practice as a certified athletic trainer.

Students who successfully complete this program are eligible to sit for the Board of Certification (BOC) Exam.



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## Admissions Requirements

Students interested in applying to the MS in Athletic Training must complete specific courses. Please refer to the [Graduate Catalog](#) for details.

Application to the MS in Athletic Training includes the following:

- Completed [pre-requisite form](#)
- Three (3) letters of recommendation
- 100 officially documented athletic training hours
- Verification of First Aid/CPR certification
- Verification of NATA membership

\*If you have questions about the application or pre-requisite requirements, please contact [Mr. Hubert Lee](#) at [leeh@neumann.edu](mailto:leeh@neumann.edu).

All official transcripts and documentation should be sent directly to [neumann@neumann.edu](mailto:neumann@neumann.edu) or mailed to Neumann University Admissions, 1 Neumann Drive, Aston, PA 19014. Additional materials may be electronically sent to [neumann@neumann.edu](mailto:neumann@neumann.edu) or may be uploaded to the student's application portal.





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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MS IN ATHLETIC TRAINING**

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### 1. What if I don't have all of the prerequisites?

There are specific prerequisites that are required for admission into the program. If you have any questions, please contact the program director.

### 2. Where do Athletic Trainers work?

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| a. Secondary Schools                             | e. The Military                                   |
| b. Colleges and Universities Professional Sports | f. Industrial and Commercial Settings Fitness and |
| c. Sports Medicine Clinics Hospitals             | g. Recreational Sports Centers                    |
| d. Physician Offices                             |   |

### 3. What are the grade requirements for entrance into the program?

Applications for the MS in Athletic Training Program must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and must achieve a grade of "C" or higher in all prerequisite courses. It should be noted that selection into the program is competitive, and satisfaction of the minimum entrance requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

### 4. What does the hybrid course format consist of?

The courses in the Athletic Training Program are taught with both an online and classroom component. This means that some of the course content will be covered via online instruction, with on-campus meetings typically occurring once a week.

### 5. How many semesters is the program?

The program is completed in 5 semesters (beginning with a summer session in the first year) over two years. For a review of the suggested two-year curriculum, see [the course catalog](#).

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### **6. What does the clinical experience consist of?**

To complete the Athletic Training Program at Neumann University, students must complete four semesters of clinical education with a minimum of 1,000 contact hours. There are various settings for clinical placement that includes secondary schools, colleges, universities, professional sports, and clinics. It should be noted that students are responsible for any costs associated with the clinical sites and may include, but not limited to, gas, tolls, parking, and/or public transportation. [Click here to view a list of our clinical sites.](#)

### **7. Is there housing available for graduate students?**

Specific questions regarding housing can be answered by the Resident Life staff. Contact information along with other FAQs related to housing and residence life at Neumann is available [HERE](#).

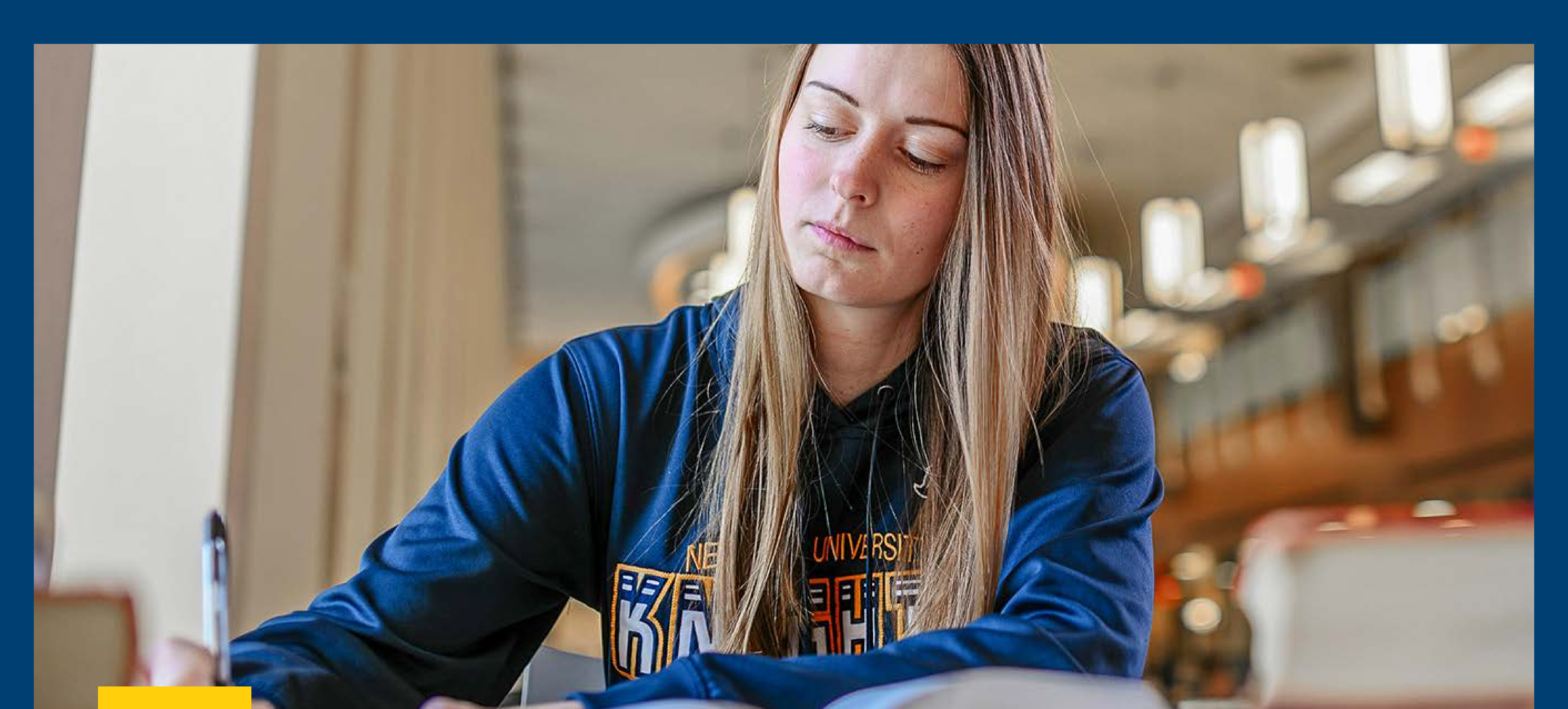
### **8. Can I transfer into the program from another school?**

For information regarding transferring into the program, please contact the program director. The courses taken will have to be reviewed to determine eligibility for transfer to the program.

### **9. Is there financial aid available?**

For information regarding assistance with tuition, please [visit our Financial Assistance page](#).





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At Neumann University, we are committed to developing the next wave of leaders in athletic training who can meet the needs of an aging population and bring healing to individuals experiencing emergent, acute, or chronic injuries and medical conditions.

Through our [Master of Science in Athletic Training](#), we prepare you to secure a lifelong, meaningful career in the dynamic and competitive field of athletic training. If you're interested in taking the first step toward transforming your future, we encourage you to connect with us today!

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