



Letter from the Program Director
Fall 2022

The West Virginia Wesleyan College Athletic Training Program is currently in the process of transitioning to a master's degree. This change is the result of a decision made by the AT Strategic Alliance that consists of representatives from the BOC, CAATE, NATA, and NATA Foundation. The timeline for implementation that must be adhered to states that baccalaureate programs may not admit, enroll, or matriculate students into the athletic training program after the start of the fall term 2022. Therefore, any institution's wish to continue with an Athletic Training Program must transition to the graduate level.

Current enrolled athletic training students (seniors) in the athletic training program will not be affected by this change. WVWC has begun accepting and matriculating students in to the master's level degree program with applicants beginning program coursework in the Summer and Fall 2021 terms.

Beginning in Fall 2020, incoming students wishing to pursue a degree in Athletic Training, will pursue a 5-year MAT degree track in the Exercise Science major. At the conclusion of the program, the student will earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science and a Master of Athletic Training in five years, completing a 3+2 curricular format.

WVWC is committed to continuing offering Athletic Training as a program of study for students. Faculty and administrators have obtained approval from the Higher Learning Commission and CAATE for the degree level change. The athletic training program completed its accreditation comprehensive review by CAATE during the 2021-2022 academic year and has received a continuing accreditation status until 2031-2032.

Additional information may be found at:

<https://caate.net/> or <https://www.atstrategicalliance.org/>

If there are any questions regarding the Athletic Training Program at WVWC, please feel free to contact me at wohleber.m@wwc.edu.

Sincerely,

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