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What is the sports medicine/athletic training program?

A certified athletic trainer is a highly-trained allied health care professional who plays an integral role in today’s health care system. Working closely with physicians, certified athletic trainers provide services to athletes and patients including prevention, evaluation, initial management and rehabilitation of injuries. Athletic trainers work in various settings: from youth to professional sports, from the military to industry, from performing arts to health care facilities.

A certified athletic trainer must obtain a bachelor’s degree from a CAATE accredited program. The curriculum will include courses in the prevention, recognition and management of injuries complemented by the study of health, nutrition, anatomy, physiology, chemistry, biomechanics and psychology.

At Diablo Valley College, the sports medicine/athletic training associate degree program combines academic, laboratory and clinical experiences that prepare students to transfer to a four-year college including CAATE accredited programs, or obtain employment as an entry-level rehabilitation or allied health paraprofessional.

Through lecture, laboratory, internship and job shadowing experiences you will gain an in-depth understanding of the variety of career opportunities that are available. You will learn practical skills such as taping, first aid, injury evaluation, therapeutic exercise instruction and clinical problem solving.

Why study sports medicine/athletic training at DVC?

Those who work in the field of sports medicine enjoy an exciting and dynamic career working with athletes and other physically active individuals who depend upon the help and support of a highly trained health care professional to achieve their athletic goals.

Diablo Valley College offers several state-of-the-art facilities (classroom and clinic) and offers students hands-on experience working with 17 intercollegiate sports. Students are also provided the opportunity to observe various health care professionals that may include physicians, athletic trainers, physical therapists, physician assistants and podiatrists. Classroom instruction includes lectures by practicing physicians, certified athletic trainers and physical therapists from throughout the bay area.

The DVC program offers a low student/teacher ratio, especially in the clinical settings where students can apply what they’ve learned in class later the same day!

Students who have earned an associate degree at DVC are highly qualified for transfer and have a strong competitive advantage in the admissions process at accredited four-year programs.

What can I do with an A.S. degree in sports medicine/athletic training?

The program is designed for students interested in transferring to a four-year college to prepare for a career as a:

• certified athletic trainer
• physical therapist
• physician
• podiatrist
• physician assistant

The department offers a large library of information about transfer schools.

Jobs in these areas are predicted to grow approximately 40 percent in 10 years.

Athletic trainers, physical therapists and physician assistants in California are reported to earn from $53,000 to over $80,000 per year. All these professions require advanced study.