

## Taylor Ashcraft Whitter

Currently live: Hopkinton, MA

Hometown: Colorado Springs, CO

Year graduated from NDSU: 2017

Current job title: Assistant Athletic Trainer at the University of Massachusetts

Describe your career path:

2011-2015 Undergraduate Athletic Training Student - Bachelor of Science:  
Athletic Training = University of Northern Colorado

2015-2017 Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer - Master of Science: Advanced Athletic Training = North Dakota State University: NDSU W Volleyball

2017-2018 Athletic Training Fellow - Harvard University: M Water Polo, M/W Tennis, M/W Cross Country, M/W Track & Field. Also participated and completed research, observation hours in an orthopedic and general medical clinic and operational room with various physician specialists

2018-Current Assistant Athletic Trainer - University of Massachusetts: Field Hockey, M/W Track & Field

Most important thing you learned while attending the MS in Advanced AT Program at NDSU:

I think the most important thing I learned while attending the MS in Advanced AT program at NDSU was growing in my ability to perform emergency care, evaluation approaches, and my overall therapeutic treatment strategies. The additional certifications I received at NDSU helped expand my skills for treatment and I utilize my certifications and education daily in my clinical practice.

How did your education at NDSU prepare you for what you are doing today:

It helped prepare me by growing my skills and knowledge of being an athletic trainer. I am more competent in applying evidence based practice. I also feel that my additional certifications have helped set me apart from my peers. I also believe that my education at NDSU helped prepare me for various administration duties and improving my overall professionalism.

Greatest professional accomplishment:

MAATA Post professional scholarship, getting my master's thesis published, providing care to Harvard's Men's Water Polo Team into the NCAA final four

Anything else you would like to share with us?

Miss the staff at NDSU! Dr. Gange and Dr. Lyman helped mold me into the athletic trainer that I am today. I am very grateful for their guidance professionally and personally.

