

Ashley Thrasher, EdD, LAT, ATC

Dr, Ashley Thrasher is currently the Athletic Training Education Program Director and Associate Professor at Western Carolina University, where she has been since 2016. She graduated from Anderson University with a BA in Athletic Training and received her master's degree in Athletic Training from Western Michigan University. Ashley completed her doctoral work at Ball State University before moving to MAATA.

Ashley is serving on the NATA Executive Council for Education, MAATA Research and Grants Committee, NCATA Professional Development Committee (co-Chair 2022-2024), ATEJ Associate Editor, and CAATE Peer Reviewer and recently rolled off as District 3 representative to the NATA Professional Education Committee (2020-2024).

Ashley has been instrumental in developing resources and planning educational symposiums to support athletic trainers. In her role as the NCATA Program Development Committee Co-chair, she assisted in planning and executing the annual symposium, which would be extremely helpful in the role of MAATA Vice President, as that is one jobs of that office.

Dr. Thrasher also developed the Annual Meeting Operations manual in alignment with the NCATA Bylaws and created position descriptions and expectations for committee members for the Program Development and Student Program Development Committees.

Ashley lives in Lake Junaluska with her husband Andrew and their two dogs, Piper and Dixie.