

Patrick and Jennifer McKeon are associate professors in the Department of Exercise Science & Athletic Training at Ithaca College in Ithaca, NY and midway through their 8th year at IC. Patrick has been an athletic trainer since 1997 and Jennifer since 2000.

At Ithaca College, Jennifer teaches kinesiology, clinical pathoanatomy, and directs research experiences athletic training and exercise science students. Patrick teaches evidence-based practice (EBP), therapeutic interventions, and is the clinical education coordinator for the Athletic Training program.

Prior to Ithaca College, Jennifer & Patrick were faculty members in the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences at the University of Kentucky, teaching for the Athletic Training Post-Professional Master's program and the Rehabilitation Sciences doctoral program. They also both secured funding from the NIH for their research and had the opportunity to mentor many Master's and Doctoral students.

The McKeon's education in a nutshell:

Patrick

B.S, Athletic Training, Springfield College
M.S., Sports Health Care, Arizona School of Health Sciences
PhD, Sports Medicine, University of Virginia

Jennifer

B.S, Kinesiology – Athletic Training, Penn State University
M.S., Sports Health Care, Arizona School of Health Sciences
PhD, Kinesiology, Penn State University
Post-Doctoral Fellowship, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill

Both have worked in a variety of clinical positions throughout their academic and professional careers.

The McKeons conduct clinical research together (& separately), in 3 main areas: 1) lower extremity injuries and their functional consequences, 2) EBP, with a focus on translating clinical research to education and practice, and 3) sport injury epidemiology and prognosis. Jennifer and Patrick have presented their research all over the world, with wonderful opportunities to expand a great network of researchers with shared interests and passions.

What Jennifer and Patrick love most about teaching is igniting a spirit of inquiry within students. "It is extremely gratifying to see the light 'go on' when a student unlocks a complex concept. We love educating on clinical science and evidence-informed decision-making. It's exciting to have the opportunity to instill passion for learning and serving

others." At Ithaca College, Jennifer and Patrick have the privilege of working with outstanding athletic trainers who share their passion for teaching *and* learning.

The McKeons are actively involved in service to the athletic training profession. Currently, they are the co-editors in chief of the International Journal of Athletic Therapy and Training. They also serve on the editorial board for the Journal of Athletic Training. Jennifer continues her passion for epidemiology serving as a member on the DATALYS Scientific Advisory Board. They are both members of the NATA Pronouncements Committee and the Topics Advisory Board for the BOC Maintenance of Certification program. At the regional level, Jennifer is the co-chair of the BOC compliance committee for the EATA and Patrick is a District 2 Moderator for the EATA. Both value the opportunity to give back to the profession in meaningful ways through service, education, and mentorship to the next generation of athletic trainers.

When asked for advice for new athletic trainers, the McKeon's shared, "When you are unsure, return to your foundational knowledge – anatomy, functional movement, and their relationship. Continue to refine that knowledge and to build on that foundation. To round out your professional life, get involved with your professional organizations and find people who share the same passion for serving that you have."