

ATHLETIC TRAINING

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ATHLETIC TRAINERS help prevent and treat injuries for people of all ages. Their clients include everyone from professional athletes to industrial workers. Recognized by the American Medical Association as allied health professionals, athletic trainers specialize in the prevention, assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation of musculoskeletal injuries.

Athletic trainers often help prevent injuries by advising on the proper use of equipment and applying protective or injury-preventive devices such as tape, bandages, and braces. Injury prevention also often includes educating people on what they should do to avoid putting themselves at risk for injuries.

EARNINGS: Most athletic trainers work in full-time positions, and typically receive benefits. The salary of an athletic trainer depends on experience and job responsibilities, and varies by job setting. Median annual earnings of wage-and-salary athletic trainers were \$36,560 in May 2006. The middle 50 percent earned between \$28,920 and \$45,690. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$21,940, while the top 10 percent earned more than \$57,580.

Career Titles

Many athletic training majors find employment in the areas listed here; however, several of these careers may require education beyond a bachelor's degree.

- High School Athletic Trainer
- Team Physician
- Fitness Consultant
- University Athletic Trainer
- Sports Club/Resort Manager
- Exercise Physiologist
- Sports Physical Therapist
- Massage Therapist
- Personal Trainer
- Strength & Conditioning
- Assistant Athletic Trainer
- Fitness Instructor
- Coach
- Sports Dietician

Employment Settings

- Public & private high schools
- Colleges and Universities
- Professional sports teams
- Amateur sports teams
- Sports medicine clinics
- Corporate settings
- Hospitals
- Health and fitness centers
- United States Olympic Centers

