



Athletic Trainer

At athletic events, **athletic trainers** provide emergency care and first aid to people who have sustained an athletic injury. These professionals, who work under the supervision of a licensed physician, evaluate athletic injuries and make referrals to appropriate medical professionals. In addition, athletic trainers offer these services:

- instruction in the care and prevention of athletic injuries
- analysis of factors that may lead to injuries
- pre-participation screening of athletes
- application of protective taping and devices

Education

Bachelor's degree or higher in a [Department-registered](#) athletic training licensure program or a program accredited by an agency recognized by the Department.

Examination

Obtain a satisfactory score on an acceptable athletic training examination. Example: the certification examination of the NATA Board of Certification, Inc.

- ▶ Visit the [Office of the Professions](#) for a listing of all options and requirements.



Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$47,510 in the U.S., \$48,150 in NY
- Salary range: \$34,630-\$58,930
- Projected growth: employment of athletic trainers is projected to grow 23% from 2016 to 2026.

Where Could I Work?

- Secondary schools, colleges, and universities
- Professional athletic organizations
- Health care organizations

Your Interests and Abilities

- Preparation in the biological and exercise sciences
- Experience in sports or physical education
- Observation and analysis
- Hands-on experiences

Professional Skills

- Concern for others
- Adaptability/flexibility
- Communication
- Professionalism and ethics

What Interests You?

Match your interests and personality to career options! Explore a free career tool at mynextmove.org/explore/ip

Tip: try searching for mentoring programs—talk to an athletic trainer about what they do and how they got started!