



Education Needed

Athletic Trainers need a bachelor's degree in athletic training from an accredited college/university.

Master's degrees are also common.

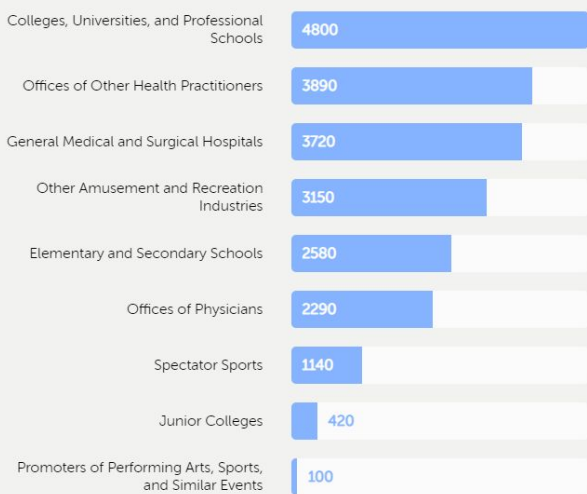
All programs have classroom and clinical components. Athletic trainers may need a higher degree to be eligible for some positions, especially trainers in colleges and universities, or to increase their advancement opportunities.

High school students interested in athletic trainer programs should take courses in anatomy, physiology, and physics.

Skills Needed

1. Good Evaluation Skills
2. Ability to Perform in High-Stress Situations
3. Excellent Communication Skills
4. Empathy and Compassion
5. Patience and Persistence
6. Interest in Sports

Jobs In This Career



TCHS Employee's
Who Are
Athletic Trainers You
May Know

Ms. Krisha Conley

Job Openings
Greater than Average
Growth Rate: 24%

Salary Expectations
Starting = \$34,000
Average = \$47,000
Top = \$62,000

A Day in the Life of a Athletic Trainer

Athletic Trainers specialize in preventing, diagnosing, and treating muscle and bone injuries and illnesses. They work with people of all ages and all skill levels, from young children to soldiers and professional athletes. They work under the direction of a physician, as well as other healthcare providers.

As an Athletic trainer you are most likely to be one of the first healthcare providers on the scene when injuries occur. You will often discuss specific injuries and treatment options or evaluate and treat patients as directed by a physician. Your administrative responsibilities may include regular meetings with an athletic director or other administrative officer to deal with budgets, purchasing, policy implementation, and other business-related issues. As an Athletic Trainer, you may work in educational facilities, such as secondary schools and colleges. You may also work in physicians' offices or for professional sports teams. Some athletic trainers work in rehabilitation and therapy clinics, in the military, or with performing artists. You may spend much of your time working outdoors on sports fields in all types of weather.