

## Target Group:



## Occupational Profile

# Athletic Trainer

Standard Occupational Code 29-9091.00

## What They Do

Evaluate and advise individuals to assist recovery from or avoid athletic-related injuries or illnesses, or maintain peak physical fitness. May provide first aid or emergency care.

## Is This For You?

**Work Interests** are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland's Model). People who tend to succeed in this career are:

**Social** – involve working with, communicating with, and teaching people. Involves helping or providing service to others.

**Realistic** – involve work activities that include practical, hands-on problems and solutions.

**Investigative** – involve working with ideas and require an extensive amount of thinking.

**Work Values** are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career:

**Relationships** – allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly non-competitive environment.

**Achievement** – results oriented occupation that allows employees to use their strongest abilities, giving them a feeling of accomplishment.

**Independence** – allow employees to work on their own and make decisions.

**Abilities** reflect a person's aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career:

- Problem Sensitivity
- Deductive Reasoning
- Oral Comprehension
- Oral Expression
- Inductive Reasoning

## Skills Needed

- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Monitoring
- Speaking
- Active Learning

## Education & Training

Athletic trainers need **at least a bachelor's degree in athletic training or a related program**. Athletic trainers are required to be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Medical & Osteopathic Examiners.

## Requirements for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

	Median Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	3
Reading for Information	5
Locating Information	4

## Where They Work

The South Dakota Industries which employ the largest number of athletic trainers are:

- State Government Educational Services
- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Colleges and Universities
- Offices of Other Health Practitioners
- Local Government Educational Services

## SD Employment & Wages

2014 Workers	2024 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
120	140	20	13%	0	\$41,960

## Additional References

Labor Market Information Center

[www.dlr.gov/mic](http://www.dlr.gov/mic)

Career OneStop

[www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)

O\*Net Online

[www.onetcenter.org](http://www.onetcenter.org)

mySkills myFuture

[www.myskillsmyfuture.org](http://www.myskillsmyfuture.org)

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