Athletic Trainer

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

Standard Occupational Code 29-9091.00
Skills Needed

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

Requirements for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

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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.

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

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