

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 – Enjoy working with, communicating with, and teaching people. They like helping or providing service to others.

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

Investigative – Interested in science and logic. They like to analyze, evaluate, and solve problems, and enjoy learning and understanding the causes of events.

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
- Judgement and Decision Making
- Service Orientation
- Social Perceptiveness

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

2012 Workers	2022 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
95	100	5	5.3%	4	\$40,600

Additional References

South Dakota Career InSite

www.sdjobs.org/careerinsite

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

online.onetcenter.org

Visit www.sdjobs.org/lmic/occpfiles to obtain the most recent workforce data and trends. Also available are explanations of the terms used for work interests, work values, abilities, and skills sections of occupational profiles.