



# STEM Careers

## Athletic Trainer

**Job Description:** Evaluate and treat musculoskeletal injuries or illnesses. Provides preventative, therapeutic, emergency, and rehabilitative care.

### What does an Athletic Trainer do?

- Conduct an initial assessment of an athlete's injury or illness to provide emergency or continued care and to determine whether they should be referred to physicians for definitive diagnosis and treatment
- Assess and report the progress of recovering athletes to coaches and physicians
- Care for athletic injuries, using physical therapy equipment, techniques, or medication
- Collaborate with physicians to develop and implement comprehensive rehabilitation programs for athletic injuries
- Develop training programs or routines designed to improve athletic performance
- Recommend special diets to improve athletes' health, increase their stamina, or alter their weight

### Your Interests:

- Do you like health and fitness related activities?
- Do you work well with others?
- Do you have good communication skills?

### Outlook: BRIGHT

Average Salary - \$48,420 annually  
Projected Job Openings - 3,100 in the next 10 years

### Education/Program of Study:

- Positions typically require a master's degree
- Degree paths include health and fitness, sports medicine, biology, anatomy, physical science, and other related fields.

Sources:

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