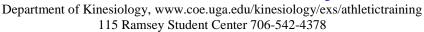
# What can I do with a major in Athletic Training

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This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand that some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

# **Description of Athletic Training**

The Athletic Training Education Program is an academic major in the Department of Kinesiology in the College of Education. The ATEP is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). Students in the ATEP receive academic knowledge and clinical proficiency in the various domains of athletic training clinical practice. Upon completion of all degree requirements, students are eligible to take the national board examination given by the Board of Certification (BOC) which is required to practice as a Certified Athletic Trainer in forty-nine states. Certified Athletic Trainers, under the direction of a licensed physician, provide health care for athletes and those who are physically active within six areas of clinical practice: prevention, clinical evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and reconditioning, organization and administration and professional responsibilities.

# **Researching Job Titles and Careers**

**O\*NET** http://online.onetcenter.org (click on Find Occupations)

Occupational Outlook Handbook http://www.bls.gov/oco (type in general term for career of interest)

Georgia Career Information Center http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu (accessible only on campus computers)

Career Insider: Vault Guides http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\_resources (Under the "Resources" tab and select "Online Resources")

Candid Career http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\_resources (View professionals speaking about their careers under the "Resources" tab and select "Online Resources")

#### **Possible Job Titles**

Athletic Director	Exercise Physiologist	Physician
Athletic Trainer	Exercise Specialist Fitness Center	Physician's Assistant Recreation
Camp Director	Director Health Educator	Therapist Rehabilitation Specialist
Certified Athletic Trainer Commercial	Health Practitioner	Sports Psychologist
Community Fitness Director	Nurse	Weight Management Specialist
Corporate Health Advisor	Occupational Therapist Personal Trainer	Wellness Center Director
Dietitian	Pharmaceutical Salesperson Physical	Wellness Coordinator
Director of Recreation	Education Teacher Physical Therapist	

# **Possible Employers**

Champion Sports Medicine	Hospitals	Pro Impact Physical Therapy
College and Universities	Marketing/Consulting Firms	Professional Sport Teams Sport
Health Centers	Minor League Sport Teams	Industries/Institutes/Wellness Center
High Schools	Physical Therapy Centers	TMC Rehab

To learn what types of positions and companies UGA students are working with, see the UGA Career Center Post Graduation Survey at www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/ and search for alumni on Linked In at www.linkedin.com.

# **Campus Resources**

The Department of Kinesiology http://www.coe.uga.edu/exs/

Rho Tau- The University of Georgia's Pre-Physical Therapy Student Organization http://www.uga.edu/rhotau/

Omega Tau- The University of Georgia's Pre-Occupational Therapy Student Organization Email: ugaomegatau@gmail.com

 $\textbf{Sports Medicine Club} \ Email: \ ugas portsmedicine club@gmail.com$ 

Pre-Physician Assistant Club Email: ugaprepaclub@gmail.com

To find additional clubs and organizations, go to the Center for Student Organizations at- http://stuorgs.uga.edu/find/index.html Connect with your Career Consultant http://career.uga.edu/contact#careerconsultants

# **Employment Websites**

#### **GENERAL:**

CareerSearch http://career.uga.edu/resources/online resources (Research employers by location and/or industry)

**DAWGlink** www.career.uga.edu/ (login with your UGA MyID and password)

GoinGlobal (To access GoinGlobal, login to your DAWGlink account)

**Idealist** www.idealist.org/ (nonprofit jobs)

USAJobs www.usajobs.gov/ (federal jobs)

#### **MAJOR/CAREER SPECIFIC:**

American College of Sports Medicine http://www.acsm.org/

National Athletic Trainers' Association http://www.nata.org

National Strength & Conditioning Association http://www.nsca.com/Home/

The Corporate Health & Wellness Association http://www.healthandwellnessassociation.com/

Collegiate Strength & Conditioning Coaches Association http://www.cscca.org/

National Sports Employment News http://www.sportsemploymentnews.com

National Academy of Sports Medicine http://www.nasm.org

Cool Works http://www.coolworks.com

#### For college/university positions:

The Chronicle of Higher Education http://chronicle.com/section/Home/5

HigherEdJobs http://www.higheredjobs.com/default.cfm

### **Professional Information Resources**

Board of Certification http://www.bocatc.org

Aerobic and Fitness Association of America http://www.afaa.com/

American Academy of Physician's Assistants http://www.aapa.org

American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance http://www.aahperd.org

American Heart Association http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/

American Occupational Therapy Association http://www.aota.org

American Physical Therapy Association http://www.apta.org

American Physiological Association http://www.the-aps.org/

Association for the Advancement of Applied Sport Psychology http://www.aaasp.org

International Sports Science Association http://www.issaonline.com/

Medical Fitness Association http://www.medicalfitness.org

Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. Need help finding groups? Check out the Groups You May Like link under the Interests/Groups tab. Review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

# **Additional Career Consultant Recommendations:**

#### **UGA** Athletic Training preparation is offered in the following areas:

- Risk Mgt./Injury Prevention
- Pathology
- Assessment/Evaluation of Injuries and Illnesses
- Acute Care
- Pharmacology Therapeutic Modalities
- Therapeutic Exercise

- General Med. Conditions & Disabilities
- Nutrition
- Health Care Administration
- Psychological intervention and Referral
- Professional Development

# Students interested in Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant or Medical School:

- Know the pre-requisites for entry into these programs.
  - o **PT School** http://www.ptcas.org/ProgramPrereqs/
  - Classes/Program of Study for Emphasis Areas

http://www.coe.uga.edu/kinesiology/students/undergraduate/advisement/exercise-and-sport-science-major-advisement/program-plans-for-at-and-ess-majors-for-various-career-goals/

- Get Experience/Shadow/Volunteer
  - o UGA's Intern For a Day http://128.192.106.66/job\_search/internships/intern\_for\_a\_day
  - Athens Regional Health System http://www.athenshealth.org/rehabilitation-shadowing
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  - Seek out family or friends for additional shadowing opportunities. Pick up the phone and call! Here's a script for help found on page 17- http://career.uga.edu/uploads/documents/UGACareerGuide.pdf