

# What can I do with a major in Athletic Training

## The University of Georgia Career Center

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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](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (Under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

**Candid Career** [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](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/](http://www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/) and search for alumni on Linked In at [www.linkedin.com](http://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](mailto:ugaomegatau@gmail.com)

**Sports Medicine Club** Email: [ugasportsmedicineclub@gmail.com](mailto:ugasportsmedicineclub@gmail.com)

**Pre-Physician Assistant Club** Email: [ugaprepaclub@gmail.com](mailto: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

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### GENERAL:

**CareerSearch** [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (Research employers by location and/or industry)

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

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

**Idealist** [www.idealists.org/](http://www.idealists.org/) (nonprofit jobs)

**USAJobs** [www.usajobs.gov/](http://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.nasca.com/Home/>

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

**Collegiate Strength & Conditioning Coaches Association** <http://www.cscga.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

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**Board of Certification** <http://www.bocalc.org>

**Aerobic and Fitness Association of America** <http://www.affaa.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:

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

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| • Risk Mgt./Injury Prevention                     | • General Med. Conditions & Disabilities  |
| • Pathology                                       | • Nutrition                               |
| • Assessment/Evaluation of Injuries and Illnesses | • Health Care Administration              |
| • Acute Care                                      | • Psychological intervention and Referral |
| • Pharmacology Therapeutic Modalities             | • Professional Development                |
| • Therapeutic Exercise                            |   |

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

- Know the pre-requisites for entry into these programs.
  - **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**
  - UGA's Intern For a Day [http://128.192.106.66/job\\_search/internships/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>
  - St. Mary's Health Care System <http://www.stmarysathens.org/professionals/volunteering/>
  - 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>