



Like science? Love sports? Study both!

Want to work in the Phoenix Suns training room? You'll need to know more than where the towels are! Professional athletic trainers use the latest advances in the field to prevent, diagnose, and treat injuries and to help clients maximize their physical performance. The academic study is rigorous. The pay-off can be a great career in sports medicine.

The American Medical Association recognizes athletic training as an allied health care profession. Certified Athletic Trainers (ATCs) work in athletic departments, hospitals, clinics, sports, industry, the military, and wherever people are physically active. Our Athletic Training Education Program is one of only two undergraduate programs in Arizona accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education. We're the only state university with such a program in Arizona.

Build a foundation in sciences and practice your skills in the university's athletic training room. Graduate fully prepared to sit for the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification exam.

"One of the greatest strengths of the program is the variety of clinical experience available to us, especially during our senior year. Professors take extra time to help when we have questions, and classes are small and close-knit."

Doug Severson, Class of 2006

Degree Program

■ Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training

Career Opportunities

Begin your career in a . . .	Study to become an . . .
College or university	Ambulatory care practitioner
Commercial setting	Clinic manager
Emergency room	College athletic trainer
High school	Combined-outreach athletic trainer
Military hospital	Community sports team athletic trainer
Physical therapy/sports medicine clinic	Exercise specialty clinical athletic trainer
Performing arts company	General clinical athletic trainer
Physician's office	High school athletic trainer
Professional sports team	Occupation health director
Rural or urban hospital	On-site occupational athletic trainer
Sports medicine clinic	
Urgent and ambulatory care center	

Explore Courses that Jump-start Your Career

Learn by doing

The required, six-semester **Clinical Education** series is the core of your program. Develop skills in all aspects of athletic training practice. Become familiar with professional practice in day-to-day fieldwork at approved athletic training clinical facilities. Courses cover specific clinical proficiencies required by the National Athletic Trainers' Association for certification. Practice alongside working professionals to train for your career!

Size up injuries

There's a player down on the field. No doctor is present, and you're the first responder. What do you do? In **Physical Assessment of the Injured Athlete**, you'll learn how to evaluate sports-related injuries. The first semester focuses on injuries to the upper extremities and the head, neck, and spine. The second semester covers the low back and lower extremities. Learn the signs and symptoms of sprains, fractures, dislocations, and more.

Experience the Work World

Give your practical skills a good workout in rotations at local clinical-health settings and with student athletes in training rooms at the university and area high schools—all under direct supervision of Certified Athletic Trainers.

Avert injuries, save lives

It's easier to prevent an injury than to heal one. Learn effective taping techniques and proper use of braces, padding, and other standard protective equipment for athletes in **Prevention of Athletic Injuries and Emergency Care**. You'll also learn basic First Aid and CPR skills for athletic emergency situations.

Participate!

Join the **National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA)**. As a student member, you'll make career connections and receive inside information on certification, employment, and further education. You'll receive subscriptions to professional periodicals and have access to the NATA online Career Center. And you'll benefit from discounts on professional liability insurance, financial planning, auto insurance, and legal services.

NAU Athletic Training Student Association

Students interested in applying to the university's Athletic Training Education Program are encouraged to attend the monthly club meetings. Activities include fundraising to support student travel to professional conferences in Arizona and across the country.