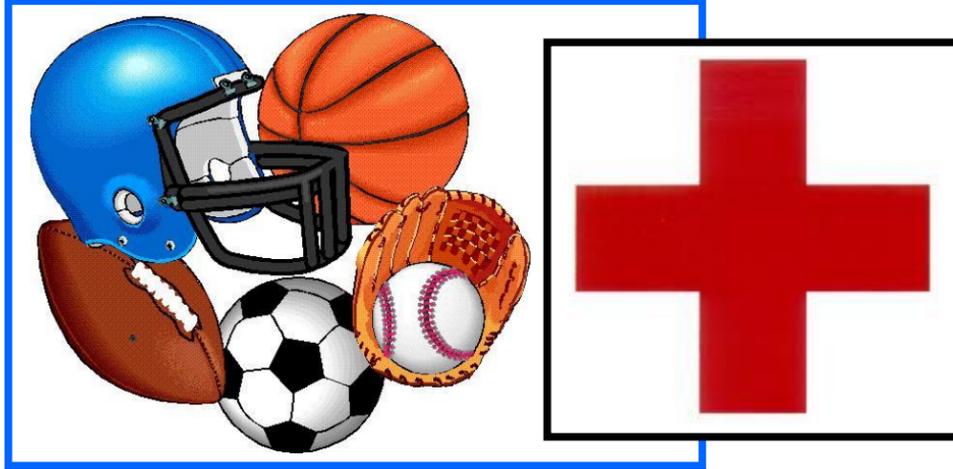


Sports Medicine



Career Opportunities

Athletic Trainer
Occupational Therapist
Physical Therapist

Athletic Trainer

Typically performs his or her job under the supervision of physicians. He or she treats athletes and other individuals who sustain injuries and teach them how injuries can be prevented.

Occupational Therapist

Responsible for helping patients regain their ability to perform daily living and work activities. Their patients have generally lost these abilities because of mental, physical or developmentally or emotionally disabling conditions.

Physical Therapist

Use a variety of techniques, called modalities, to restore function, improve mobility, relieve pain and prevent or limit permanent physical disabilities in their patients.

Schooling / License

Athletic Trainer

Athletic trainers need a bachelor's degree, although both bachelor's and master's degrees are common. In most states, athletic trainers need a license or certification.

Occupational Therapist

Occupational therapists need a master's degree in occupational therapy. Additionally, all states require occupational therapists to be licensed.

Physical Therapist-

Physical therapists typically need a doctoral degree in physical therapy. All states require physical therapists to be licensed.

SALARY

Athletic Trainer
\$41,600
Occupational Therapist
\$72,320
Physical Therapist
\$76,310

Job Outlook

Employment of athletic trainers, occupational therapists, and physical therapists is expected to grow by 30 percent from 2010 to 2020.