Occupation Comparisons

O*Net OnLine is a federally funded National Consortium, funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, that lists occupations and describes various jobs, their duties, the education needed for those positions and then rates those positions. O*Net is used by the U.S. Department of Labor workforce development. Listed below is a comparison of some positions and jobs posted along with the profession of athletic training. National Athletic Trainers' Association believes all allied health care professionals are a value to the health care system and assist with providing needed health care services to the citizens of the United States. This comparison was compiled to clearly demonstrate the educational and practical qualifications of athletic trainers.

In this comparison we chart:

Job Zone - O*Net OnLine provides ratings for five Job Zones (job zones are occupations that are similar in experience, education and in quantity of on the job training.)

Job Zone 1 - occupations in this category involve little or no preparation

Job Zone 2 - occupations in this category involve some preparation

Job Zone 3 - occupations in this category involve medium preparation

Job Zone 4 - occupations in this category involve considerable preparation

Job Zone 5 - occupations in this category involve extensive preparation

Specific Vocational Preparation (SVP) -SVP is a rating and is usually shown in a range. The low is 1 and the highest rating is 9.

For detailed information regarding Certified Athletic Trainers' skills, knowledge and abilities visit http://online. onetcenter.org.

Occupation	Job Zone Rating	SVP Range	Min. Education Level*
Athletic Trainers	5	8.0 +	Bachelor's degree
Chiropractors	5	8.0 +	Bachelor's degree
Physical Therapists	5	8.0 +	Master's degree
Dietitians and Nutritionists	5	8.0 +	Bachelor's degree
Registered Nurses	4	7.0 to < 8.0	Bachelor's degree
Physician Assistants	4	7.0 to < 8.0	Bachelor's degree
Podiatrists	4	7.0 to < 8.0	Bachelor's degree
Occupational Therapists	4	7.0 to < 8.0	Bachelor's degree
Speech-Language Pathologists	4	7.0 to < 8.0	Bachelor's degree
Physical Therapist Assistant	3	6.0 to < 7.0	Vocational/Associate's
Licensed Practical & Vocational Nurses	3	6.0 to < 7.0	Vocational
Radiologic Technologists	3	6.0 to < 7.0	Vocational
Orthotists & Prosthetists	3	6.0 to < 7.0	Vocational/Associate's
Respiratory Therapists	3	6.0 to < 7.0	Vocational/Associate's
Physical Therapist Aides	2	4.0 to < 6.0	High School
Occupational Therapist Assistants	2	4.0 to < 6.0	High School
Occupational Therapist Aides	2	4.0 to < 6.0	High School

* **The minimum education required is taken directly from the O*Net Web page. This is not meant to imply that this is the only academic qualification individuals might possess but rather this is the *minimum* listed.**

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About the NATA:

Certified athletic trainers (ATCs) are unique health care providers who specialize in the prevention, assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries and illnesses that occur to athletes and the physically active. The National Athletic Trainers' Association represents and supports the 30,000 members of the athletic training profession through education and research. www.NATA.org. info@NATA.org. NATA, 2952 Stemmons Freeway, Ste. 200, Dallas, TX 75247, 214.637.6282; 214.637.2206 (fax).