



State Fact Sheet

NORTH CAROLINA

The National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) is the professional membership association for certified athletic trainers and others who support the athletic training profession. Founded in 1950, the NATA has grown to more than 45,000 members worldwide today. NATA's mission is to represent, engage and foster the continued growth and development of the athletic training profession and athletic trainers as unique health care providers.

WHO ARE ATHLETIC TRAINERS?

Health care professionals who render service or treatment, under the direction of or in collaboration with a physician, in accordance with their education and training and the states' statutes, rules and regulations. As a part of the health care team, services provided by athletic trainers include injury and illness prevention, wellness promotion and education, emergent care, examination and clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention, and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA'S ATHLETIC TRAINERS

- 2040 Certified Athletic Trainers
- 20 Accredited Athletic Training Education Programs
- 252 Athletic Training Students
- 97 Safe Sports School Awards

CDC STATISTICS ON MEDICAL CONDITIONS TREATED BY ATHLETIC TRAINERS:

- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Concussion:
 - An estimated 1.7 million people sustain a TBI annually – 52,000 die, 275,000 are hospitalized, and 1.365 million are treated and released from an emergency department
 - In 2012, an estimated 329,290 children (age 19 or younger) were treated in U.S. emergency departments for sports and recreation-related concussions or TBI
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest:
 - Each year, more than 350,000 people experience out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) Approximately 70% - 90% of individuals with OHCA die before reaching the hospital
- Opioid Abuse:
 - 70,237 drug overdose deaths occurred in the United States in 2017. Opioids were involved in 47,600 (68.8%) of those deaths.

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