

Perfect Score!!!

Indiana University's Athletic Training Major offered through the Department of Kinesiology in the School of HPER announced today that the 2011 graduating class of 18 majors had a 100% first-time pass rate in completing IU's nationally accredited athletic training education program in addition to passing the rigorous national exam. The historical average nationally for first-time takers in 2010 was 43.3% for approximately 2,800 candidates*. To retain certification, ATs must demonstrate completion of a specific number of medically related continuing education credits every three years and adhere to the *BOC Standards of Professional Practice*.

Athletic training is practiced by ATs, healthcare professionals who collaborate with physicians to optimize activity and participation of patients and clients. Athletic training encompasses the prevention, diagnosis and intervention of emergency, acute and chronic medical conditions involving impairment, functional limitations and disabilities. ATs are specialized professionals in athletic healthcare educated in preventing, recognizing, managing and rehabilitating injuries that result from physical activity. ATs are prepared to address concussion injury management, heat injuries, cervical spine injury and serve as the first line of intervention for injury management. When someone is injured, they are prepared to work with other healthcare providers to assist with recovery and a safe return to activity. Athletic Training is recognized by the American Medical Association (AMA) as an allied healthcare profession. In addition, the AMA recommends ATs in every high school to keep America's youth safe and healthy. Specifically, the AT has demonstrated knowledge and skill in six practice areas or domains:

- Prevention
- Clinical Evaluation and Diagnosis
- Immediate Care
- Treatment and Rehabilitation
- Organization and Administration
- Professional Responsibility

The BOC, the only accredited certifying body for ATs in the United States, sets the standards for the practice of athletic training and has been responsible for the certification of ATs since 1969. The BOC maintains a database of more than 35,000 ATs, and that number continues to increase each year.

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