

## Athletic Training, MS

### Which employers have hired Montana State University Billings Athletic Training graduates?

Ortho Montana	Orlando Magic	University of Michigan
Bridger Orthopedic	Seattle Sounders	Northwestern University
Beartooth Hospital	Cleveland Guardians	Washington State University
Atlantic Spinal Rehab & Wellness	Oregon Health & Science University	Rocky Mountain College

### What are the average annual wages and potential lifetime earnings for professionals working in athletic training and related occupations?

Occupation	Annual Mean Wage in MT*	Potential Lifetime Earnings*
Athletic Trainer	\$55,000 - \$58,550	\$57,930 x 39 yrs = \$2,259,270
Sports Nutritionist	\$44,090 - \$64,550	\$69,680 x 39 yrs = \$2,717,520
Recreational Therapist	\$50,750 - \$56,110	\$57,120 x 39 yrs = \$2,227,680
Fitness Trainer / Instructor	\$40,800 - \$45,280	\$46,480 x 39 yrs = \$1,812,720

<sup>\*</sup> Based on the 2023 state mean and national median wage of occupation per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Lifetime earnings are based on the national median wage.

# What percentage of Athletic Training graduates report having a job after graduating?

Out of the 100% of 2024 Athletic Training graduates that we received graduate data on, 100% reported being employed\* after graduation.

### Gain experience while you earn your degree:

Find a job in the field. Check out CareerLink by scanning the QR Code for the latest job openings!



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<sup>\*\*</sup> State wage data is not available in the 2023 U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics dataset for some occupations, such as Athletic Director and Exercise Science Professor.

<sup>\*</sup> Employment includes employment in major, employment not in major, continuing education, and military service.

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#### **Overview of the Athletic Training program:**

The Master of Science in Athletic Training program is a two-year program designed to teach students the knowledge and skills to successfully challenge the Board of Certification (BOC) examination and become a certified athletic trainer. The program provides students with didactic and a variety of clinical education experiences throughout the community, state, and nation.

Currently, athletic training professionals work in secondary schools, colleges and universities, professional sports, clinics and hospitals, performing arts, occupational health, physician's offices as well as public safety.

#### What makes your program unique?

At MSU Billings, students have the choice between a two-year traditional master's program or a 3+2 bachelor's and master's degree option with Human Performance and Athletic Training. Athletic Training students at MSU Billings also have a full semester clinical immersion experience during their second year in the program.

#### What students like most about the Athletic Training program:

Students enrolled in the Athletic Training enjoy their various clinical rotations where they can apply their knowledge and skills learned in the classroom.



Program Webpage:

https://www.msubillings.edu/chps/athletic training/index.htm



