According to Ohio Law, no person shall claim to be an athletic trainer (AT) or imply by words, actions, or letters that the person is an athletic trainer unless the person is licensed as an athletic trainer.

Education
- Ohio-licensed through the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Training Boards.
- Nationally certified by passing a comprehensive certification examination administered by Board of Certification.
- The profession of athletic training was officially recognized in 1990 by the American Medical Association (AMA) as an allied health profession.
- Athletic trainers hold a minimum of a bachelor’s degree from an accredited athletic training program. Most hold a master’s degree.

Background
1. Risk Management and Injury Prevention: ATs are involved in preventative efforts. They work closely with coaches, athletes, equipment managers, groundskeepers and site managers to ensure that preventative measures are in place that can help avert injuries.
2. Recognition, Evaluation and Immediate Care: ATs use their knowledge to evaluate common sports injuries and illnesses and provide immediate care. Once the problem is identified, appropriate care is started and the appropriate course of action determined (referral to emergency department, physician, sports medicine clinic, etc.).
3. Rehabilitation and Reconditioning: In consultation with a physician, ATs may initiate a treatment and/or rehabilitation program.
4. Organization and Administration: ATs coordinate communication among team members and work with a physician to determine the return-to-activity status of an injured player.
5. Professional Development and Responsibility: Ohio-licensed ATs not only are required to obtain 25 hours of continuing education every two years, but they also are involved in lecturing at educational seminars across the country.

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Expect the finest care from our Athletic Trainer Contracts

- Same day or next day physician referral to one of our sports medicine physicians or existing team physicians as determined by the AT.
- Individual AT assigned to your school.
- ATs are in constant contact with our physicians to allow for improved communication and quality of care.
- Injured athletes seen at the school can receive needed rehabilitation at one of our outpatient rehabilitation sites in Summit, Portage and Medina counties. Your AT is in direct contact with them as well.
- Sports-specific rehabilitation specialists are at our outpatient rehab sites.
- Contact with the top orthopaedic surgeons in Akron.
- Preseason physicals.
- Community outreach and educational programs.
- Sports health network of physicians, specialists, sports nutritionists, sports psychologists, etc.

Benefits to your school
- Decreased medical costs to parents/athletes
- Decreased liability to your school
- One AT assigned to your school
- Full hospital services available
- Improved communication and contact with teams, allowing the AT to attend to minor injuries before they become major
- Improved communication with athletes, coach, parents, etc.
- Improved trust between athletes and AT allows improved care

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- Akron RubberDucks – Cleveland Indians’ class AA affiliate
- Ohio Ballet (1982-2006)
- Akron Marathon
- Area Running Clubs
- Area High Schools

Summa athletic training staff
- Averages 11-plus years in the profession
- Includes three Ohio Athletic Trainers Association “Hall of Fame” members
- Includes five Ohio Athletic Trainers Association “Athletic Trainers of the Year”
- Includes present and former executive committee and committee members for the Ohio Athletic Trainers Association and Great Lakes Athletic Trainers Association
- Affiliated with Kent State University, University of Mount Union and the University of Akron CAATE-accredited athletic training programs