BECOMING A CERTIFIED AT

Certification Process

- ✓ Successfully complete a Bachelor's or Master's degree and an Athletic Therapy program at a CATA-accredited institution in Canada.
- ✓ Obtain and maintain a valid First Responder certificate, or CATA-approved equivalent.
- ✓ Obtain and maintain a valid Basic Life Support certificate, or CATA-approved equivalent.
- ✓ Apply to CATA for membership as a Certification Candidate. You must be a member for a minimum of 18 months immediately preceding attempting the NCE date.
- ✓ Apply for and successfully complete the NCE within two years of graduating from an accredited institution.

National Certification Exam (NCE)

The CATA creates and administers the NCE based on CATA's Scope of Practice and Competencies in Athletic Therapy. This process ensures that successful Certification Candidates have demonstrated basic competence in AT and ensures the safety and care of the public when providing AT services to Canadians.

Preparing for certification and the start of your career can be a stressful time – membership in CATA can help. As a CATA Candidate Member, you have access to benefits, resources, mentors, career insights, and industry information to support you during the certification process and help you prepare for a career as a Certified AT.

To become a Candidate Member, fill out our short online application.

CATA Accredited Institutions

Acadia University
Brock University
Camosun College
Université Concordia University
Mount Royal University
Sheridan
UQTR Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières
University of Manitoba
The University of Winnipeg
York University

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ATHLETIC THERAPY

CANDIDATE MEMBER BENEFITS

Who We Are

With over 3,000 members, the Canadian Athletic Therapists Association (CATA) is the national professional and credentialing association for those practicing as Certified Athletic Therapists in Canada.

In addition to certification, CATA has much more to offer Athletic Therapy (AT) students and recent graduates. Becoming a candidate member of the association, you gain benefits through advocacy, education, research, and savings to help you start and grow your career as a Certified AT.

Why CATA?

CATA helps you realize your career through guidance and programs designed to facilitate growth and development as a Certified AT. By being a member of the association, you gain access to valuable resources that help you become and thrive as a Certified AT and you also help support CATA's efforts to educate the public on the benefits of AT and create more career opportunities for new and future Certified ATs. Some of the benefits of candidate membership include:

- ✓ Resources to help prepare for the National Certification Exam (NCE)
- ✓ One-on-one mentoring from experienced Athletic Therapists
- ✓ Award recognition to boost your resume
- ✓ Preferred pricing for CATA conferences and webinars
- ✓ Discounts to save money on AT and student related products and services
- ✓ Support CATA's promotion of the CAT(C) professional designation

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BUILD YOUR CAREER

Professional Designation
As a Candidate Member, you help support CATA's ongoing development and promotion of AT and the CAT(C) designation. The CAT(C) designation distinguishes Certified ATs from other healthcare professionals and supports the skills and ethics that will build trust in you as a future AT.

Exam Orientation
CATA's online resources and Certified AT mentors will help you understand what to expect and be best prepared for the NCE.

Mentorship
Accelerate your career development through CATA's Mentorship Program and gain one-on-one guidance on the industry, the association, and career options from experienced Certified AT mentors.

Award Recognition
Build your confidence and resume by receiving awards for your knowledge and skills. Candidate-focused awards given out each year include cash prizes and the promotion of award winners to the industry and the public.

Job Postings
See AT-specific job opportunities on CATA's members-only job board. Students can use this tool to explore opportunities that may be available upon certification.

INVEST IN THE PROFESSION

Educating the Public
CATA conducts ongoing public relations, social media, and advertising to inform the public about the benefits of AT and how our members provide value to clients, sports teams, sporting events, and educational institutions.

Expanding the Marketplace
Our "Athletic Therapy is for Everyone" branding and media campaigns work to position AT to a broader audience, stimulate the public to consider AT in their regular healthcare regimen, creating more career and financial opportunities for Certified ATs.

Promoting Our Members
We provide members with tools to promote the profession and themselves as Certified ATs with branding, signage and social media. We also promote members by featuring their profiles and accomplishments in CATA advertising campaigns.

Acting on Member Issues
CATA works with industry trade groups, regulatory groups, and the public to address important issues affecting Certified ATs such as expanding AT coverage in group benefits insurance plans.

AND MORE

Preferred Pricing
Save money with preferred Candidate pricing for CATA educational events and access exclusive members-only discounts on products and services you need as a student or a Certified AT through CATA's affinity program partners.

Intelligence and Insight
Access members-only educational communications produced by CATA throughout the year. Our newsletter, webinars, conferences and research study summaries provide insights on the industry, association issues, and AT best practices.