Athletic Training (AT) licensure is required in 46 states and the District of Columbia. Regulation of the AT profession is maintained at the state level. Four states do not regulate the profession with licensure (California, Hawaii, South Carolina and New York). California has no regulation for athletic trainers. South Carolina, and New York require athletic trainers to be certified within the state. Hawaii requires athletic trainers to register. Regardless of state regulation (licensure, certification or registration) national certification is required to meet regulation standards.

Students who graduate from a CAATE-accredited athletic training program are qualified to take the national certification exam, offered by the Board of Certification (BOC). The Concord University MSAT is fully accredited by CAATE, with current accreditation granted through 2028. Once an individual has passed the BOC examination and submitted required documents verifying graduation from a CAATE accredited program and current Cardiac Care certification, the individual will be granted the credentials of ATC. The ATC can then apply for licensure in the state or states of their choosing. There is no AT licensure reciprocity currently in place. AT’s must follow the state regulation standards for the state in which they are employed.

While graduates of the Concord University MSAT do not directly receive AT licensure, the program prepares them to meet licensure requirements in all states in which licensure is required. For specific licensure information for each state, please see the interactive “State Regulation” map on the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer (BOC) website at https://bocatc.org/athletic-trainers/state-regulation.

*Image retrieved from BOC webpage (https://bocatc.org/athletic-trainers/state-regulation)