

Athletic Training Program
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Athletic Training Student Clinical Practice Agreement

- I. In their experiences, Athletic Training Students (ATS) are assigned to a preceptor who designs, directs, and supervises the clinical experience. As such, students are not assigned to sports. Therefore, clinical experiences are not specifically limited to the activities of a specific team, sport, or population and may include any activities or events designated and supervised by the preceptor. Clinical Experiences are to be implemented as educational in nature and not implemented to replace full time staff or other medical personnel. ATS are not an addition to the work force philosophy.

- II. All ATS must abide by the following rules during each of their clinical experiences.
 - Students must abide by the dress code and professional behaviour requirements outlined in the Athletic Training Student Handbook given to them at their acceptance into the program. The handbook may be viewed online at www.athletictraining.msu.edu.
 - Students must uphold patient privacy and confidentiality and must conduct themselves in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
 - Students must have completed official training in Bloodborne Pathogen treatment and prevention through the Office of Radiation, Chemical, and Biological Safety (ORCBS) at MSU.
 - Students must have an up to date CPR/AED certification. A copy of the card will be kept in the student's file in Dr. Covassin's office.
 - Students must have proof of current liability insurance. A copy of that will be held in the student's file in Dr. Covassin's office.
 - Student clinical education of athletic training skills shall not exceed the student's level of educational knowledge (e.g., students may work with a preceptor to set parameters of electrical modalities until properly trained to do so).

III. Supervision is defined as a situation that (1) affords the preceptor an opportunity to intervene on behalf of the patient and (2) offers the preceptor an opportunity to provide the ATS with daily feedback regarding his/her performance. Students must be directly supervised by a preceptor during the delivery of athletic training services. The preceptor must be physically present and within auditory opportunities and have the ability to intervene on behalf of the athletic training student and patient. The ATS clinical education guidelines per CAATE standards include:

- Clinical education must follow a logical progression that allows increasing amounts of clinically supervised responsibility leading to autonomous practice upon graduation. The clinical education plan must reinforce the sequence of formal instruction of athletic training knowledge, skills, and clinical abilities including clinical decision making.
- Students must gain clinical education experiences that address a continuum of care in a variety of settings. Examples of clinical experiences must include, but not limited to: individual and team sports; sports requiring protective equipment; patients of different sexes; non-sport/non-orthopedic patient populations (outpatient clinic, emergency room, primary care office, industrial, military, performing arts); a variety of conditions other than orthopedics (primary care, internal medicine, dermatology).
- Athletic training students must have a minimum of one day off in every seven-day period. The clinical program has a written policy that states you must complete a minimum of 150 and not exceed a maximum of 750 clinical experience hours per semester over a logical learning over time progression component. This includes pre-school clinical coverage, holidays, and school breaks.

I understand the above rules and will adhere to these policies during my clinical education course and rotation.

Athletic Training Student (Signature)

Date

Athletic Training Student (Printed)

Date

Athletic Training Program Director

Date

Clinical Education Program Director

Date

