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**Professional Graduate Athletic
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Policy and Procedure Manual

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*Welcome to the SFA State University Professional Graduate
Athletic Training Program (GATP).*

Enclosed is just the forefront of your future in the GATP. As defined in the title, the *Policy and Procedure Manual* addresses your clinical and classroom experiences within the GATP. In addition, other guidelines you will need to refer to and adhere by are contained in your *SFA Athletic Training Handbook* designed by the Athletic Training Department. Other university policies and procedures are the foundation of our program and can be found stated in your university bulletin and catalogue which are located on the university website, www.sfasu.edu. **This manual should be downloaded and accessible to you during your two years in the program.** This will always be located in BRIGHTSPACE, on the GATP website, and in your Typhon student account. You will receive updates if they are made.

You have been selected for a reason. Admission to this program does not guarantee successful completion of the major and/or successful completion of the Board of Certification national examination. You must work hard to obtain these goals. May your pursuit in your chosen profession be as successful as your admittance to this program. Days will come that you may question yourself, your demands (serving water, washing towels, cleaning), and your destiny, but remember...

*Don't be afraid to give your best to what seemingly are small jobs.
Every time you conquer one it makes you that much stronger. If you
do the little jobs well, the big ones tend to take care of themselves.*

--Dale Carnegie

The purpose of this manual is to provide you with: a reference point of what is expected of you while in SFA's GATP; clearly stated educational objectives of the competencies and proficiencies for the professional athletic training student (*Standard & Guidelines, CAATE*); and examples of the paperwork you will encounter during your experiences.

- Information contained in this manual is subject to change without prior notice. The information presented is under review and can be updated annually. Changes made to the manual are on file in the Program Directors' office.
- No person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, handicap, or veteran status, be subjected to discrimination or be excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of employment or any educational program or activity operate by Stephen F. Austin State University (Re: SFASU 2002-04 Graduate Bulletin). All inquiries should be directed to the Office of Human Resources, Box 13039, Nacogdoches, TX 75962-3039, 936.468.2304.



OUR VISION

Our vision is to develop graduates who are recognized by future students, their peers, and employers as athletic trainers who demonstrate passion for continual learning and teaching, integrity and selflessness in clinical practice, a commitment to responsible global citizenship in the community and aspire towards new levels of excellence that advance the profession in meaningful ways.

OUR MISSION

Our mission of the Stephen F. Austin Graduate Athletic Training Program (GATP) is to develop effective athletic trainers through a student-focused environment that creates opportunities for student application of innovative clinical practice, diverse clinical settings and preceptors, and interactive learning in preparation for a career in global healthcare settings

CORE PRINCIPLES

Our core principles are used to shape the identities of our faculty, preceptors, and students. These principles are unwavering and should be the foundation of our program.

- *Commitment:* To oneself, one another, the program, and the profession.
 - It may be demonstrated through the behaviors of reliability, resiliency, accountability, advocacy.
- *Integrity:* Guides daily actions and behaviors.
 - It may be demonstrated through the behaviors of honesty, respect, ownership, unity.
- *Selflessness:* Influences our interactions and relationships.
 - It may be demonstrated through the behaviors of servitude, compassion, patience, humility. (student centered, patient centered)
- *Excellence:* Aspire to better oneself.
 - It may be demonstrated through the behaviors of initiative, consistency, tenacity, grit.

CURRICULM GOALS

The main objective of the GATP, Master of Science in Athletic Training, is to prepare the student to become a Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) by the Board of Certification, Inc (BOC). An athletic trainer is "a qualified health care professional educated and experienced in the management of health care problems associated with the physically active." In cooperation with physicians and other allied health care personnel, the athletic trainer functions as an integral member of the athletic health team in secondary schools, colleges and universities, professional sports programs, sports medicine clinics, and other allied health care settings. The athletic trainer functions in cooperation with medical personnel, athletic administrators, coaches, and parents in the development and coordination of efficient and responsive athletic health care delivery systems. Athletic training students will be prepared in the development and mastery of athletic training competencies and proficiencies as set forth by the Educational Council (EC) of the NATA and the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). These skills will include areas of prevention, recognition and evaluation, management/treatment and disposition, rehabilitation, organization and administration, and education and counseling. The development and mastery of these skills will be accomplished through a variety of didactic and clinical experiences (NATA, 2003).

The student should:

1. Demonstrate a sound understanding of evidence-based practice concepts and their application by using a systematic approach to ask and answer clinically relevant questions that affect patient care.



2. Demonstrate an ability to develop and implement strategies and programs to prevent the incidence and/or severity of injuries and illnesses and optimize their clients'/patients' overall health and quality of life while incorporating the importance of nutrition and physical activity in maintaining a healthy lifestyle and in preventing chronic disease (e.g., diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular disease).
3. Demonstrate the ability to perform clinical examination skills to accurately diagnosis and effectively treat their patients while applying clinical-reasoning skills throughout the physical examination process. The development of these skills requires a thorough understanding of anatomy, physiology, and biomechanics to assimilate data, select the appropriate assessment tests, and formulate a differential diagnosis.
4. Demonstrate a sound understanding and application of the knowledge, planning, and skills in the evaluation and immediate management of the acute care of injuries and illnesses.
- 5 . Demonstrate proficiency in the understanding and application of therapeutic interventions that include therapeutic modalities, therapeutic rehabilitation, and therapeutic medicines designed to maximize the patient's participation and health-related quality of life.
6. Demonstrate the ability to recognize the role of mental health in injury and illnesses using interventions to optimize the restoration of participation and to refer these individuals as necessary.
7. Demonstrate an understanding of risk management, healthcare delivery mechanisms, insurance, reimbursement, documentation, patient privacy, and facility management.
8. Assess the development of a desire for professional development, ethical behaviors and responsibilities through a progression of clinical rotations, participation with professional organizations, and understanding of effective supervision and management in the athletic training clinic.
9. Complete the Board of Certification (BOC) requirements for eligibility of the national board examination through the completion of the competencies and proficiencies as set forth and endorsed by the NATA-EC, BOC, and the CAATE.

CURRICULUM HISTORY

In July 2003, the candidacy application was submitted to the CAAHEP / JRC-AT. In November 2003, the Stephen F. Austin State University Graduate Entry-Level Athletic Training Education Program (ELM) was notified of Candidacy. We were given a June 1, 2005, submission date for the Self-Study documents. After the review of the Self-Study documents, we were given an October Site Visit date during the fall of 2005, in which we also applied for Accreditation status. Notification of accreditation status was granted in March 2006. We have begun our succession of successful graduating classes. Both periods of our reaffirmation of accreditation processes have resulted in excellent reviews by the CAATE with the granting of the longest accreditation cycle of 10 years! We will host our fourth peer review on-site visit during 2030-2031 academic year.

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CODE OF ETHICS:

Preamble

The National Athletic Trainers' Association Code of Ethics states the principles of ethical behavior that should be followed in the practice of athletic training. It is intended to establish and maintain high standards and professionalism for the athletic training profession. The principles do not cover every situation encountered by the practicing athletic trainer, but are representative of the spirit with which athletic trainers should make decisions. The principles are written generally; the circumstances of a situation will determine the interpretation and application of a given principle and of the Code as a whole. When a conflict exists between the Code and the law, the law prevails.

1. Members Shall Practice with Compassion, Respecting the Rights, Welfare, and Dignity of Others

1.1 Members shall render quality patient care regardless of the patient's race, religion, age, sex, ethnic or national origin, disability, health status, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

1.2. Member's duty to the patient is the first concern, and therefore members are obligated to place the welfare and long-term well-being of their patient above other groups and their own self-interest, to provide competent care in all decisions, and advocate for the best medical interest and safety of their patient at all times as delineated by professional statements and best practices.

1.3. Members shall preserve the confidentiality of privileged information and shall not release or otherwise publish in any form, including social media, such information to a third party not involved in the patient's care without a release unless required by law.

2. Members Shall Comply With the Laws and Regulations Governing the Practice of Athletic Training, National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) Membership Standards, and the NATA Code of Ethics

2.1. Members shall comply with applicable local, state, federal laws, and any state athletic training practice acts.

2.2. Members shall understand and uphold all NATA Standards and the Code of Ethics.

2.3. Members shall refrain from, and report illegal or unethical practices related to athletic training.

2.4. Members shall cooperate in ethics investigations by the NATA, state professional licensing/regulatory boards, or other professional agencies governing the athletic training profession. Failure to fully cooperate in an ethics investigation is an ethical violation.

2.5. Members must not file, or encourage others to file, a frivolous ethics complaint with any organization or entity governing the athletic training profession such that the complaint is unfounded or willfully ignore facts that would disprove the allegation(s) in the complaint.

2.6. Members shall refrain from substance and alcohol abuse. For any member involved in an ethics proceeding with NATA and who, as part of that proceeding is seeking rehabilitation for substance or alcohol dependency, documentation of the completion of rehabilitation must be provided to the NATA Committee on Professional Ethics as a requisite to complete a NATA membership reinstatement or suspension process.

3. Members Shall Maintain and Promote High Standards in Their Provision of Services

3.1. Members shall not misrepresent, either directly or indirectly, their skills, training, professional credentials, identity, or services.

3.2. Members shall provide only those services for which they are qualified through education or experience and which are allowed by the applicable state athletic training practice acts and other applicable regulations for athletic trainers.

3.3. Members shall provide services, make referrals, and seek compensation only for those services that are necessary and are in the best interest of the patient as delineated by professional statements and best practices.

3.4. Members shall recognize the need for continuing education and participate in educational activities that enhance their skills and knowledge and shall complete such educational requirements necessary to continue to qualify as athletic trainers under the applicable state athletic training practice acts.

3.5. Members shall educate those whom they supervise in the practice of athletic training about the Code of Ethics and stress the importance of adherence.

3.6. Members who are researchers or educators must maintain and promote ethical conduct in research and educational activities.

4. Members Shall Not Engage in Conduct That Could Be Construed as a Conflict of Interest, Reflects Negatively on the Athletic Training Profession, or Jeopardizes a Patient's Health and Well-Being.

4.1. Members should conduct themselves personally and professionally in a manner that does not compromise their professional responsibilities or the practice of athletic training.

4.2. All NATA members, whether current or past, shall not use the NATA logo in the endorsement of products or services, or exploit their affiliation with the NATA in a manner that reflects badly upon the profession.

4.3. Members shall not place financial gain above the patient's welfare and shall not participate in any arrangement that exploits the patient.

4.4. Members shall not, through direct or indirect means, use information obtained in the course of the practice of athletic training to try and influence the score or outcome of an athletic event, or attempt to induce financial gain through gambling.

4.5. Members shall not provide or publish false or misleading information, photography, or any other communications in any media format, including on any social media platform, related to athletic training that negatively reflects the profession, other members of the NATA, NATA officers, and the NATA office.

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Reporting of Ethics Violations: Anyone having information regarding allegations of ethical violations, and wishing to supply such information to NATA, shall supply this information, with as much specificity and documentation as possible, to NATA's Executive Director or Chair of the Ethics Committee. Information need not be supplied in writing, and the reporting individual need not identify him or herself. Information, however, that is too vague, cannot be substantiated without the assistance of the reporting person, or information where, in the opinion of the NATA Executive Director or Ethics Chair, there is no need for anonymity for the reporting individual will not be forwarded for action by the committee.

An individual may report information on the condition that the individual's name or certain other facts be kept confidential. NATA may proceed with an investigation subject to such a condition; however, NATA must inform the reporting individual that at some point in the investigation NATA may determine that it cannot proceed further without disclosing some of the confidential information, either to the applicant or member under investigation or to some other party. A reporting individual, upon receiving this information from NATA, may decide whether or not to allow the information to be revealed. If the reporting individual decides that the necessary information must remain confidential, NATA may be required to close the unfinished investigation for lack of necessary information. Individuals are strongly encouraged to provide relevant information, with as much detail as possible, in writing to:

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<http://nata.org/publications/brochures/ethics.htm>

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**COURSE PROGRESSION FOR
 MASTER'S OF ATHLETIC TRAINING
 GRADUATE ENTRY-LEVEL ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION PROGRAM**

SUMMER I (Session II)

ATTR 5208	Emergency Care	2
ATTR 5110	Med Terminology	1
ATTR 5354	Intro to AT	3
ATTR 5321	AT Clinical I	3

9 hrs

FALL I

ATTR 5332	LE Evaluation (1 st)	3
ATTR 5132	LE Eval Lab (1 st)	1
ATTR 5333	UE Evaluation (2 nd)	3
ATTR 5133	UE Eval Lab (2 nd)	1
ATTR 5370	Gen. Med. Cond.	3
ATTR 5222	AT Clinical II	2

13 hrs

SPRING I

ATTR 5331	Ther Mod (1 st)	3
ATTR 5131	Ther Mod Lab (1 st)	1
[ATTR 5235	Hd/Spine Eval (1 st)	2 /3]
ATTR 5135.	Hd/Spine Eval Lab (1 st)	1
ATTR 5336	Ther. Exercise (2 nd)	3
ATTR 5136	Ther. Exer Lab (2 nd)	1
ATTR 5241	AT Clinical III	2

14 hrs

SUMMER II

No classes

FALL II

KINE 5350	Intro to Research	3
ATTR 5354	Mgmt Strat in AT	3
ATTR 5374	Adv AT	3
ATTR 5162	BOC Preparation	1
ATTR 5551:01	AT Clinical IV	5

15 hrs

SPRING II

ATTR 5130	Seminar in AT	1
ATTR 5239	IPE Lrng & Pract	2
ATTR 5162	BOC Preparation	1
ATTR 5551:02	AT Clinical IV	5

9 hrs

****TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR MS DEGREE
 IN ATHLETIC TRAINING = 60 HOUR (8wk
 courses)**

CLINICAL PROGRAM

A: Clinical Instruction

Clinical experiences are concurrent with ATTR 5321; 5222; 5241; 5551:01/:02. They will occur during summer, fall, and spring semesters. Each athletic training student (ATS) will be assigned to a **preceptor**, not a clinical site or sport. The preceptor will provide guidance to the student and must be **physically present on site to do this**. Clinical experiences will vary semester to semester in accordance to the progression within the curriculum. As defined in the *Standards and Guidelines*, each ATS will have the opportunity to obtain clinical education experiences: Clinical experiences will include, experiences with patients:

1. Through the lifespan (e.g. Physical therapy clinical, emergency room, EMS ride outs, and specialty healthcare experiences (physicians, Physical therapy, and Surgery observation).
2. With different sexes and socioeconomic statuses
3. Non-sport activities (e.g., Physical therapy clinic, emergency room, primary care office, performing arts)
4. Varying levels of activity and athletic ability

Clinical experiences are classified as:

1. Athletic Training Clinical Experiences (ATCE)- *Direct client/patient care guided by a preceptor who is an athletic trainer or physician.*

ATCE experiences include: SFA sports, high schools, Angelina College, SFA Health Services, physician offices, and surgical observations.

2. Supplemental Clinical Experiences- *Learning opportunities supervised by health care providers other than athletic trainers or physicians.*

Supplemental experiences include: Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital Emergency Room, EMS ride outs, SFA Student Health Services Clinic, and physical therapy clinics.

3. Simulation- *An educational technique, not a technology, to replace or amplify real experiences with guided experiences that evoke or replicated substantial aspects of the realworld in a fully interactive manner.*

Every semester the ATS participates in simulations with mid-to-high fidelity manikins at the SFA School of Nursing Laerdal Certified Lab.

- ATTR 5321- vitals assessment (blood pressure, auscultation of heart and lungs, and rectal temperature).
- ATTR 5222, 5241, 5551.01.2- Emergency evaluation scenarios that involve skills of CPR, first aid, splinting, and emergency evaluation of injuries.

Typhon is the online software utilized for management of student clinical hours and evaluations (student, preceptor, clinical site) creating patient case logs and uploading programmatic and clinical course documents. Both ATS and preceptor will have account access in Typhon. The ATS is responsible for purchasing the student account (\$99.00). The ATS **MUST** document all hours spent at clinicals in Typhon daily. The Preceptor must approve hours at the end of each week. **The clinical week starts on Monday and finishes on Sunday.** It is the responsibility of the ATS and CCE to ensure preceptors are approving hours.

The ATS is responsible for creating the weekly clinical hour schedule alongside their preceptor. The ATS is required to present the scheduled academic course times to their assigned preceptor and work around the course times to develop their clinical schedule. The

ATS is to account for the entire (start to end) game/competition hours into their weekly hours when creating their clinical schedule. ATS are required to attend scheduled games/competitions as set forth by their assigned preceptor and **NOT** to leave during the middle of a practice / game / competition due to possibly exceeding clinical hours. The ATS is expected to finish the event and document all the clinical hours in Typhon.

Clinical Hour Requirements

Volunteer Hours:

Volunteer hours are those hours a student gains from a clinical site or outside entity he/she is NOT currently assigned. These opportunities are special circumstances for students to gain experience.

Example, SFA Track and Field hosts a championship at SFA. ATS assigned to SFA Track and Field are required to attend and document the hours in Typhon as part of the required clinical course. These hours cannot be termed “volunteer hours.” Students assigned to other clinical sites may gain experience at this meet without logging the hours in Typhon and counting the hours as volunteer, ONLY if the hours would exceed the weekly requirements and the current assigned clinical site does not have prior requirements for the student.

LEVEL I

Level I Clinical Year: During the first year in the program, the ATS has four-week and two-week clinical experiences which expose the ATS to a variety of clinical settings. The clinical settings include: SFA sports (football, court and beach volleyball, men’s and women’s basketball, cross country, track and field, softball, baseball, women’s soccer, tennis, and spirit), Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital ER, Nacogdoches County EMS, SFA Student Health Services, Nacogdoches High School, Lufkin High/Middle School, Angelina College, and Panola College. Clinical experiences that occur during holidays or interims are not required, nor expected (exception Summer I interim).

The Level I ATS should aim to complete on average **20 clinical hours per week** across a full semester. The minimal clinical hour requirement for 5222 and 5241 should not fall below **240 hours**. Failing to complete the minimum hourly requirement could negatively affect the overall grade earned for a clinical course.

The level I ATS must have a designated day off during the week (Monday – Sunday) of a clinical experience. Due to the level I ATS attending class throughout the week, preceptors will normally make a long class day the designated day. Moreover, for each differing clinical rotation, the ATS should consult with the assigned preceptor.

LEVEL II

Level II Clinical Year: Clinical experiences for the Level II ATS consist of a 16-week “season,” an 8-week, and specialty healthcare (8-week). Clinical experiences terminate in accordance to the SFA academic calendar (last day of Finals week). Clinical experiences that occur during holidays or interims **are** required if the clinical assignment occurs outside the traditional semester e.g., Basketball or pre-seasons. However, if the need arises to be absent during this time period, please make advanced arrangements with both the **CCE and the preceptor**.

Level II ATS should aim to complete an average of **35 clinical hours per week during non-immersive periods** and no more than 60 hours per week during the immersive period, but also could be less dependent on the clinical site. The minimal clinical hour requirement for 5551.01 and 5551.02 should not fall below **200 hours (8 week), 400 hours (Full Season)**.

The ATS's overall clinical course grade could negatively be affected if the minimum hourly requirements are not met.

Immersive Clinical Experience

The level II ATS will participate in an 8-week immersive clinical experience during the first 8 weeks of the ATS's 16 week clinical assignment for the second academic year. The ATS will attend face-to-face classes on Mondays. For the remainder of the week, the ATS is expected to mirror the daily clinical hours of the preceptor, as set forth by the preceptor (e.g. 8:00am-5:00pm). The ATS is expected to report when the preceptor does and leave when the preceptor does. The immersive experience gives the ATS exposure to real-life clinical hour expectations prior to completion of the GATP. It is a requirement that ATS have MONDAYS off from the clinical to attend class. Additionally, a preceptor/ATS selected day off will be chosen for every seven days during the immersive experience. This second day off may vary each week as chosen between preceptor and ATS.

During the non-immersive clinical experiences, Monday will remain as the designated day off for the Level II ATS.

An exception to the Monday day off policy, is with instances of continued/extended travel where the team (preceptor and ATS) do not return to Nacogdoches between travel competitions. In the case that the team travel extends into or beyond Monday, the student may participate and complete clinical hours on the Monday. However, the preceptor must designate the day as the student's mandatory day off from the clinical experience in the remaining days of that week. In addition, the preceptor/ATS selected day off must still be honored, as well.

Example: SFA Soccer travels to a game in Houston on Sunday. The game is re-scheduled for the following day (Monday) due to inclement weather. The student is allowed to participate and complete clinical hours on the Monday, but the student must use another day as a designated "day-off" from the clinical experience later in the week.

External Immersive Clinical Experiences

The ATS may choose to pursue an external clinical site, beyond what SFA offers, for the immersive experience during the second year. If an ATS desires an external clinical experience, the GATP must be notified at least four months in advance before the reporting date. Interest must be communicated early in the ATS's first year with program faculty for feasibility and time for completion of required documentation. The immersive site **must** agree to allow you Monday's off to attend the GATP courses via Face-time/Zoom.

Specialty Healthcare (8-week) Clinical Experience:

During the level II year, all ATS will complete professional communication training prior to beginning the specialty healthcare clinical experiences. The training will be given during clinical class by the course instructor. The purpose of the training is to ensure respectable, professional behavior and communication occurs while in attendance at the specialty healthcare clinical sites (Nacogdoches Neurosurgery, Azalea Orthopedics, MD² Family Medicine, NMC Surgery Center, Regional PT, NMC Outpatient PT, etc). At the conclusion of the session, all ATS must pass a quiz to attend the specialty healthcare clinical sites. An ATS deemed unprofessional by a physician, staff or CCE at any of the specialty healthcare clinical sites is subject to disciplinary action and/or possible removal from the clinical site.

The ATS in the 8-week specialty healthcare will NOT have a designated day off (except for

Monday classes), because the ATS will be off for the weekend.

Clinical Progression

Clinical education is concurrent with academic credit in each of the clinical courses. The ATS must receive a grade of “B” or better in all athletic training courses in order to progress to the next clinical level and course(s) within the curriculum. In addition to the requirements of each course syllabi, the ATS must successfully complete all required clinical experience hours, and complete clinical proficiency evaluations with a score $\geq 80\%$.

B. Clinical Experiences

ATTR 5321 – Clinical I [Summer I (Session II)]

For ATTR 5321, this course is taken in the first semester of the program during the summer.

This course has three credit hours with three contact hours. The instructor spends all **contact hours** in the classroom. Students complete 30 clinical hours during the two-week interim after the semester. Clinical supervision by the CCE is minimal.

There will be a designated classroom session for this course. All lectures / discussion will occur in either a designated classroom or the main athletic training room. Clinical skills will be practiced and assessed in both the laboratory and athletic training facility settings.

It is the responsibility of the ATS to practice and complete all of the skills listed for proficiencies performed at a clinical site. Proficiencies **must** be practiced with a peer; however, the final proficiency evaluation must be scored with the course instructor during the summer course. The ATS completes two proficiencies with an SFA preceptor after the course, during the summer II interim. ***All clinical skills must receive a score of ≥80% to be successful in demonstrating proficiency.***

At the conclusion of this summer II course, the ATS is required to remain on SFA's campus and fulfill approximately 30 clinical hours under the direct supervision of the head athletic trainers for FB, VB, and/or Soc. The clinical experience will occur during the interim of the summer II semester and the beginning of the fall semester. This first clinical experience is designed to orientate the new student to the daily routine, administrative responsibilities, policies and procedures, and layout of the SFA athletic training room.

The ATS will also participate with these sports as assigned by the head athletic trainer. Only "***Directly Supervised Clinical Experiences***" are permitted within this semester. The ATS will also attend the Simulation lab at the School of Nursing to practice skills and scenarios using the SimMan 3G Mannikins.

The ATS will receive a grade for the completion of the hours in ATTR 5321 after the completion of the clinical experience. The average clinical hour total for the two weeks should remain around 30 hours.

Clinical hours worked must be recorded into the ATS Typhon account. The supervising athletic trainer will approve the clinical hours. Weekends may also be available. The ATS must document case logs into their Typhon account from all patient encounters.

ATTR 5222 – Clinical II [Fall I]

For ATTR 5222, the course is taken in the first fall. The course has two credit hours and five contact hours. The instructor spends two **contact hours** with students in the classroom and spends three **clinical contact hours** at clinical sites on a weekly basis. ATTR 5222 will include both two-week and four-week rotations at various clinical sites. These experiences are designed to orientate the ATS to experiences with patients of different sexes, different socioeconomic statuses, varying levels of activity and athletic ability, through the lifespan, orthopedic, general medicine, and non-/sport activities. This second clinical experience will include the sites of the SFA athletic training rooms, Football stadium, Volleyball / Basketball coliseum, Baseball /

Softball complex, Cheer/ Dance, SFA Health Services, along with area high schools, and local emergency services. This clinical experience will be under the **direct supervision** of a preceptor.

Students will meet **weekly** for a classroom session with the course instructor to either introduce or review topics related to the various clinical skills assigned to the course. All lectures / discussion will occur in a designated classroom. The ATS will also attend the Simulation lab at the School of Nursing to practice skills and scenarios using the SimMan 3G Mannikins. Clinical skills will be assessed throughout the course to demonstrate proficiency. An example of a proficiency skill sheet for this course is provided in [Appendix E](#).

It is the responsibility of the student to practice and complete all of the skills listed for each proficiency assessment within the documented timeframe (*i.e.*, 2 weeks). The ATS is to check the course syllabus for the due dates. Proficiencies not completed by the due date may negatively affect the ATS's final grade. Proficiencies can be practiced with a peer, preceptor, and/or course instructor; however, the final proficiency evaluation must be scored with a preceptor or course instructor. **Real time assessment of clinical skills is highly recommended. All clinical skills must receive a score of $\geq 80\%$ in order to be successful and demonstrate proficiency.**

At the conclusion of all clinical experiences (except ER/EMS), students must have a clinical evaluation completed by their preceptor. At the conclusion of all clinical experiences, students will complete an evaluation of the clinical site and preceptor (except ER/EMS) in Typhon. The preceptor will complete the ATS evaluation in Typhon. The evaluation **MUST** be discussed between the student and preceptor prior to leaving the clinical site. Low scoring evaluations could affect the overall grade in the clinical course and could possibly result in the ATS being pulled from a clinical site. The ATS must document case logs into their Typhon account from all patient encounters.

ATTR 5241 – Clinical III [Spring I]

For ATTR 5241, the course is taken in the first spring. The course has two credit hours and five contact hours. The instructor spends two **contact hours** with students in the classroom and spends three **clinical contact hours** at clinical sites on a weekly basis. ATTR 5241 will include both two-week and four-week rotations at various clinical sites. These rotations are designed to orientate the ATS to experiences with patients of different sexes, different socioeconomic statuses, varying levels of activity and athletic ability, through the lifespan, orthopedic, general medicine, and non-/sport activities. This third rotation will include sites such as SFA athletic training rooms, Football stadium, Volleyball / Basketball coliseum, Baseball / Softball complex, Cheer/ Dance, SFA Health Services, along with area high schools, and local emergency services. This clinical experience will be under the **direct supervision** of a preceptor.

Students will meet **weekly** for a classroom session with the course instructor to either introduce or review topics related to the various clinical skills assigned to the course. All lectures / discussion will occur in a designated classroom. The ATS will also attend the Simulation lab at the School of Nursing to practice skills and scenarios using the SimMan 3G Mannikins. Clinical skills will be assessed throughout the course to demonstrate proficiency. An example of a proficiency skill sheet for this course is provided in [Appendix E](#).

It is the responsibility of the student to practice and complete all of the skills listed for each proficiency assessment within the documented timeframe (*ie*: 2 weeks). The ATS is to check the course syllabus for the due dates. Proficiencies not completed by the due date may negatively affect the ATS final grade. Proficiencies can be practiced with a peer, preceptor, and/or course

instructor; however, the final proficiency evaluation must be scored with a preceptor or course instructor. Real time assessment of clinical skills is highly recommended. **All clinical skills must receive a score of ≥80% in order to be successful and demonstrate proficiency.**

At the conclusion of all clinical experiences, students will complete an evaluation of the clinical site and preceptor (except ER/EMS) in Typhon. The preceptor will complete the ATS evaluation in Typhon. The evaluation **MUST** be discussed between the student and preceptor prior to leaving the clinical site. Low scoring evaluations could affect the overall grade in the clinical course and could possibly result in the ATS being pulled from a clinical site. The ATS must document case logs into their Typhon account from all patient encounters.

ATTR 5551:01/02 - Clinical V [Fall II & Spring II]

For ATTR 5551.01 and ATTR 5551.02, these courses are taken in the second year during the long semesters. The courses have five credit hours and five contact hours. The instructor spends two **contact hours** with students in the classroom and three **clinical contact hours** at clinical sites on a weekly basis. ATTR 5551:01 and ATTR 5551: 02 may be interchanged dependent on the assigned clinical experience. One semester will consist of one athletic season or a whole semester with one preceptor/clinical site. This experience is designed to allow the ATS to complete a full athletic season with their designated sport/ clinical site. The other semester will consist of eight weeks designated to Allied Health, Medical/ Orthopedic and Surgical Rotations and eight weeks to an SFA Sport or an area high school. One eight week immersive experience will occur during the first 8 weeks of the ATS's athletic season (16 week) clinical experience. The immersive experience site will be based on the clinical rotation assigned site/experience. These rotations include experiences with patients of different sexes, different socioeconomic statuses, varying levels of activity and athletic ability, through the lifespan, orthopedic, and non-/sport activities. **"Supervised Clinical Experiences" are permitted within this semester; however, the ATS should be working toward making autonomous clinical decision based on evidence-based practice / research.**

Students will meet weekly for a classroom session with the instructor to review topics related to the various clinical skills and assignments aligned to each course. The ATS will complete the "Preceptor" projects by gathering information from discussions with the assigned preceptor, creating and/or reviewing policies, and compiling all of the components of the project into a typed presentation that will be submitted into Typhon and Brightspace. Clinical skills will be reviewed and assessed throughout this experience.

It is the responsibility of the student to practice and complete all of the skills listed for each clinical level. Proficiencies may be practiced with peers, preceptors or GATP faculty member; however, the final proficiency evaluation must be scored with a GATP faculty. **Real time assessment of clinical skills is highly recommended. All clinical skills must receive a score of ≥80% in order to be successful and demonstrate proficiency.**

During eight week and full semester / season sport rotations, evaluations will be completed **every 4 weeks** throughout the rotation. Students will complete an evaluation of the clinical site and preceptor in Typhon. The preceptor will complete the ATS evaluation in Typhon. The evaluation should be discussed between the student and preceptor prior to leaving the clinical site. Low scoring evaluations could affect the overall grade in the clinical course and could possibly result in the ATS being pulled from a clinical site. The ATS must document case logs into their Typhon account from all patient encounters.

C: Health and Safety in Clinical Experiences

Differentiate students from credentialed providers

The ATS will be differentiated from clients/patients in clinical experiences through the ATS attire. The ATS will be issued SFA GATP shirts and polos to wear at all clinical sites. In addition, the ATS is required to wear their SFA student badge at all specialty healthcare clinical sites plus Memorial Hospital ER and Nacogdoches County EMS. Preceptors are also reminded of this program requirement.

Emergency Cardiac Care Training

All ATS are required to have emergency cardiac care training prior to engaging in clinical education. Emergency cardiac training is provided to all level I ATS in the summer II course, ATTR 5208.

Blood-Borne Pathogen Protection and Exposure Plan

All clinical sites have accessible blood-borne pathogen protection and exposures plans. The ATS is required to locate the documents at each new clinical site and document the location on the orientation survey. The CCE will ensure the documents are readily accessible to the ATS during each clinical site visit with preceptors.

Calibration and Maintenance of Equipment

All clinical sites with therapeutic equipment are required to have scheduled calibration and maintenance checks. Nacogdoches Medical Center and Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital are JCAHO accredited.

Communicable and infectious disease transmission

Communicable and infectious disease transmission procedures are accessible at all clinical sites. The CCE will ensure the documents at clinical sites are readily accessible to the ATS with all preceptors. The ATS is required to locate the documents at each new clinical site and document the location on the orientation survey.

Immunization Requirements

Immunization requirements for admittance into the GATP are posted on the program's website and included in the *Admittance to Professional Graduate Athletic Training Program and Requirements* section in this manual. Immunizations needed prior to clinical experiences with Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital ER/ EMS / Surgery and Nacogdoches Medical Center Outpatient Physical Therapy and Surgery are listed below.

Proof of the following immunizations are needed before clinical experiences:

- a. Hepatitis B Vaccine – documentation of 3 shots or proof of immunity
- b. Tuberculosis (TB) – negative skin test or blood test within last 12 months.
- c. MMR Vaccine (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) - documentation of 2 shots or proof of immunity to all 3.
- d. DTaP Vaccine - documentation of 1 shot in past 10 yrs
- e. Varicella (Chickenpox or Shingles) - documentation of 2 shots or proof of immunity or documentation of prior disease.
- f. Influenza Vaccine (October 1 – March 31) – documentation of current influenza vaccine.
- g. COVID: Evidence of vaccine or sign a waiver to decline.

Patient/Client Privacy (FERPA/ HIPAA)

The ATS will complete SFA FERPA training. HIPAA training is completed for each hospital (NMC / NM

Radiation Exposure Plan

Clinical sites who utilize an x-ray machine at their facility have posted radiation exposure plans. Clinical sites who utilize x-ray machines include: SFA Athletic Training Facilities, Azalea Orthopedics, Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital, and Nacogdoches Medical Center Hospital.

Sanitation Precautions

All clinical sites have accessible sanitation precautions readily available at their facilities. The CCE will ensure the document is readily accessible to the ATS at all clinical sites with the preceptor. The ATS is required to locate the documents at each new clinical site and document the location on the orientation survey. After every patient encounter, the ATS is to wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.

Venue Specific Training Expectations

Some clinical sites may require specific training expectations such as emergency skills (splinting, spine boarding, etc.). SFA's Director of Sports Medicine holds emergency management trainings during the summer I semester. All ATS are required to attend this session.

Venue-Specific Critical Incident Response Procedures

All clinical sites have accessible venue specific critical incident response procedures readily available at their facilities. Venue specific critical incident response procedures include Emergency Action Plans and any other type of emergency response procedure as set forth by the venue. Dr. Watts ensures the document(s) is readily accessible to the ATS at all clinical sites with the preceptor. The ATS is required to locate the documents at each new clinical site and document the location on the orientation survey.

D. Preceptors / Sites / Responsibilities

The following is a table listing for all preceptors, credentials, sport or job location, and distance traveled.

SFA Sports

	<u>NAME / TITLE</u>	<u>ROLE / CREDENTIALS</u>	<u>SPORTS / LOCATION</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>
1	Kasey Fisette Director of Sports Medicine	Preceptor; MS, LAT*, ATC	N/A	On-site
2	Sellena Burger- Fennell Sr Assoc Athletic Trainer	Preceptor, MS, LAT, ATC	Baseball	On-site
3	Kaylee Wood Sr Assoc. Athletic Trainer	Preceptor; MS, LAT, ATC	Mens Basketball/	On-site
4	Trevon Jones Associate Athletic Trainer	Preceptor; MS, LAT, ATC	Mens Basketball	On-site
5	Shelby Gonser Head FB Athletic Trainer	Preceptor; DAT, LAT, ATC	Football	On-site
6	Elexis Rockwell Assistant Athletic Trainer	Preceptor; MS, LAT, ATC	Women's Basketball/ Tennis	On-site
7	Sean Kuehn Assistant Athletic Trainer	Preceptor, MS, LAT, ATC	W Soccer	On-site
8	Maura Fentress Assistant Athletic Trainer	Preceptor, MS, LAT, ATC	Football	On-site
9	Bailey Williams Assistant Athletic Trainer	Preceptor, MS, LAT, ATC	Cheer & Dance	On-site
10	Giovonni Garrett Assistant Athletic Trainer	Preceptor, MS, LAT, ATC	Track & Field / CC	On-site

11	Kristi Van Boskerck Post-Grad Intern	Preceptor; LAT, ATC	Cheer & Dance	On-site
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High Schools / Middle School / Junior College

1	Jordyn Myska Assistant Athletic Trainer	Preceptor; MS, LAT, ATC	Nacogdoches High School	3 mi
3	Jalen Wise Assistant Athletic Trainer	Preceptor; MS, LAT, ATC	Lufkin High School	20 mi
4	Mariah Murray Athletic Trainer	Preceptor; MS, LAT, ATC	Lufkin Middle School	24 mi
5	Bryce Acosta Athletic Trainer	Preceptor; MAT, LAT, ATC	Hudson High School	28 mi
6	Alisha Horton Head Athletic Trainer	Preceptor; MS, LAT, ATC	Henderson High School	43 mi
5	Howard Krohn Head Athletic Trainer	Preceptor: MS, LAT, ATC	Angelina College	27 mi
6	Jacky Andreatta Athletic Trainer	Preceptor; MAT, LAT, ATC	Panola College	49 mi

Medical

1	Dr. Mike Randle, MD Medical Director	Preceptor; MD, Neurosurgeon	Nacogdoches Neurosurgery	3 mi; On-site
2	Orthopedic Surgical – Drs Overturf, Fishbeck, Ferren	Orthopedic Surgeons	Nacogdoches Medical Center, Surgery Center, Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital	4 mi, 1 mi
3	Bonnie Ryan, PA-C	Preceptor, Physician Assistant	Student Health Services Clinic	On-site
4	Dr. Kelley Moon, MD	Preceptor; General Medical Physician	MD2 Family Practice	1 mi
5	Dr Carl Davis, MD	Preceptor; General Medical Physician	Carl Davis Family Practice	3.3 mi
6	Dr. Steven Overturf, MD	Preceptor; Orthopedic Surgeon	Azalea Orthopedics	.20 mi
7	Shawna Blackmon, PA	Preceptor; Physician Assistant	Azalea Orthopedics	.20 mi
8	Dr. Keith Fishbeck, DO	Preceptor, Orthopedic Surgeon	Azalea Orthopedics	.20 mi
9	Dr. Johnathan Williams, MD	Preceptor, Orthopedic Surgeon	Dedicated Orthopedics of East Texas- Lufkin	23 mi
10	Dr. Chad Laurich, MD	Preceptor; Podiatry surgeon	NMC Surgery Center of Nacogdoches; Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital	2 mi; 1 mi
11	Josh Ponder, BSN, RN	Director of Emergency/ Trauma Services/ Preceptor	Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital	1 mi
12	Amy Cook, RN	Point of Contact	Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital Surgery	1 mi
13	Brady Willis, RN	Point of Contact	NMC Surgery Center of Nacogdoches	2 mi
14	Mark Hobbs, RN	Point of Contact	Woodland Heights Medical Center- Lufkin	24 mi
15	Matthew Harkins, CRNA	Point of Contact	CHI St Luke's Memorial Hospital-Lufkin	23 mi

Allied Health

1	Kristin Glass, DPT Marcy Davis DPT	Preceptor; PT	Nacogdoches Medical Center	4 mi
2	Morgan Fitzgerald, PT Lauren Menefee, DPT	Preceptor; PT	Regional Physical Therapy, Lufkin	21 mi

*LAT” = Licensed Athletic Trainer, Texas Health Department state licensure

Preceptor Responsibilities: A preceptor should function to:

- Supervise students during clinical education;
- Provide instruction and assessment of the current knowledge, skills, and clinical abilities designated by the program;
- Provide instruction and opportunities for the student to develop clinical integration proficiencies, communication skills, and clinical decision-making during actual patient/client care;
- Provide assessment of athletic training students clinical integration proficiencies, communication skills, and clinical decision-making during actual patient/client care;
- Facilitate the clinical integration of skills, knowledge, and evidence regarding the practice of athletic training.

All preceptors are provided an up to date *Policy and Procedure Manual* and aligned course competencies for each clinical course. New preceptors are required to complete the preceptor workshop created by the GATP. All ATP instructors have access to the progression of the ATS and/or are updated by the CCE/instructor of course. Regular communication throughout a semester occurs with preceptors to keep them abreast of the progression of the program and any current issues.

E. Athletic Training Student Experiences

Qualification for Placement: The ATS will be randomly assigned to various clinical experiences for the first academic year. These clinical experiences are designed to allow exposure to multiple clinical settings, patient populations, and health conditions all while allowing to apply the content and skills that are being taught in the courses.

The second academic year placements will be based on a combination of the ATS's request and CCE/preceptor decisions and an interview with the preceptor for the desired 16-week request. The ATS selects three (3) Sports/ Clinical sites they wish to work with for a full term, or through a full athletic season and provides justifications for their choices. The preceptor interview will be scored. Following the completion of all interviews, preceptors will review all requests and inform the CCE of the ATS selection. Placement is not based on gender, race, or years of experience. If an ATS does not receive the first/ second choice for a sport/ clinical site, then all efforts are made to try to place the ATS at one of the preferred choices for an eight-week clinical experience. Sometimes this may not occur.

The table below shows possible ATS season/ clinical site placement for the Fall and Spring Semesters.

Example:

SPORT / SITE	FALL																SPRING															
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It is the ATS's responsibility for travel to off-campus clinical sites. A reliable mode of transportation is required. It is the intent of the program to assign multiple ATS to the longer-distance clinical sites to allow car-pooling, e.g., Angelina College, Lufkin High School.

The ATS will not progress to the next level of clinical experience, if all proficiencies and written work in the current clinical course fail to meet the **minimum ≥80%, or "B" grade**. In addition, if the **minimum ≥80%** is not made in a complying lecture course, the ATS will not be able to perform the correlating clinical proficiency, and/or possibly not advance to the next level of clinical experience. It is important that the ATS gain an understanding and comprehension of the competencies before trying to acquire proficiency competence. Due to the cohort design of the curriculum, not meeting these standards will delay completion of the program. As written, all ATS must maintain a 3.0 GPA, to not only remain in the program, but to remain in Graduate School.

Clinical Documentation

The ATS will complete an orientation survey during the first week of a new clinical site. The student should talk with the preceptor to answer the questions in the survey. The survey is located in Typhon. Specifically, the survey consists of questions that ask the location of the biohazard

container, EAP, and blood borne pathogen procedure documents, and personal protective equipment. Several of SFA sports utilize the same clinical site. Therefore, the student should not submit multiple orientation surveys for the same clinical site. For example, SFA FB, Soccer, and Track and Field all utilize the SFA Sports Medicine Complex as their clinical site. If the student has a rotation with all of the above sports, then the orientation survey should only be completed once during the first clinical rotation in the Sports Medicine complex.

Preceptors will evaluate the ATS every four weeks throughout all of the clinical experiences. Based on the duration of each rotation, the ATS may be evaluated more than once (e.g., eight week and full semester) by the same preceptor. These evaluations will be calculated into the overall grade assigned during the clinical experience. Low scoring evaluations will affect the overall grade and could possibly result in the ATS being removed from a clinical site. The **ATS evaluation** is completed by the preceptor through the Typhon account.

The ATS will also be able to evaluate the preceptor every four weeks. The **preceptor evaluation** is accessed and completed through Typhon. The preceptor will be able to review the evaluations completed by the ATS at the end of each rotation. The ATS will also evaluate each new clinical site. The **clinical site evaluation** is accessed and completed through Typhon. If you remain with a clinical site for a full season, only evaluate the clinical site at mid-way and ending of the athletic season / semester. This valuable feedback provided by all parties is important in maintaining healthy and safe educational learning environments. Collected feedback will assist in deciding quality educators, instructors, and clinical sites. With the conclusion of each experience, the CCE will review all materials. Anytime during a clinical experience, all parties (ATS and preceptor) are permitted and encouraged to discuss any matters with the CCE at any time deemed necessary.

As part of service to our area high schools, students will be required to assist with preparticipation physicals. The preparticipation physicals will be done at the end of each academic school year (late April – early May).

Specific Clinical Site Information

1: SFA Health Services

1st year general medical experience occurs in SFA's Student Health Services practice under the leadership of SFA's Medical Director for Student Health Services, - Dr. Carey Lindemann, MD. The experience may involve taking patient histories, BP, weight, observing nurse practitioner / doctor consultations, minor surgeries, transporting labs, and administrative duties.

Prior to beginning the clinical experience, the ATS will call 936.468.4 HUB (482) and ask for Nurse Karissa by Thursday of the previous week. The ATS will ask for Karissa, introduce themselves, tell the date they will be reporting, and ask for any instructions prior to reporting to the clinical site. The ATS will report to the Nursing station at **1pm on the first day of rotation**. Students will be expected to stay until 5pm unless dismissed earlier by the SHC staff. The ATS should aim to complete an average of 20 clinical hours a week. The ATS will attend one week with SFA Health Services. The ATS must be dressed in an SFA Polo Shirt, either khaki or black pants and have the ID badge clearly visible. The ATS must document case logs into the Typhon account from all patient encounters. The preceptor will approve the clinical hours at the end of the week in Typhon. The ATS evaluation must be completed by the preceptor of the clinical site – Bonnie Ryan, PA-C.

2. Panola Junior College

The ATS will gain two weeks of experience at Panola Junior College with preceptor Jacky Andreatta. The ATS will gain experience with rodeo while at Panola College. The ATS will be grouped with a peer from their cohort for travel to Carthage for the clinical experience. Prior to

beginning the clinical experience, the ATS will contact Jacky Andreatta at **903-693-1157** by Thursday of the previous week.

On a daily basis, the ATS must document the clinical hours into their Typhon account. ([Appendix E](#)). Jacky will approve the clinical hours at the end of the week in Typhon and complete the student evaluation.

2: Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital / EMS Rideouts

The ATS will gain experiences at the Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital's (NMH) Emergency Room and with EMS ride-outs. The ATS will follow the policies and procedures outlined in the Orientation manual provided during orientation by both Nacogdoches County EMS and Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital.

Each day of the ATS's clinical experience, the ATS will call the dispatch center at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital at 936. 568. 8508 for their assignment.

On day one of the **ED experience**, the ATS will **report at 1pm to one** of the following charge nurses at the main desk of the Emergency Department Quick Care. The ATS is encouraged to engage with the nursing staff and medical doctors and participate in all opportunities. The ATS should gain experiences from both the traditional ER and ortho side when patients are present. The experience may involve assisting with emergency procedures, orthopedic exams, splinting, and taking vitals. "If you choose to stay back against the wall, you will be ignored." During this experience, the death of a patient may occur while the ATS is in attendance. SFA has counseling services available at The Health and Wellness center on campus. The ATS is encouraged to take advantage of the services and/or speak with Dr Watts or other faculty about the incident. During the **EMS experience**, the ATS is assigned to the station located at 2723 Durst or a satellite. Each day, the ATS will report to the EMS supervisor at 914 S Raguet and then be assigned to a station.

For both ER and EMS experiences, The ATS must be dressed in an SFA Polo Shirt, either khaki or black pants and have the ID badge clearly visible. Scrubs are acceptable. For both ER and EMS experiences, The ATS must be dressed in an SFA Polo Shirt, either khaki or black pants and have the ID badge clearly visible. Scrubs are acceptable.

Hour requirements for both the ER and EMS experience are flexible to allow the best opportunity. Therefore, the ATS can choose the clinical hour times. The ATS must not work past 10pm. The ATS should aim to complete a minimum of **20 hours/weekly** for this combined clinical site. On a daily basis, the ATS must document the clinical hours into their Typhon account. ([Appendix E](#)). The **CCE** will approve the clinical hours at the end of the week in Typhon. The ATS must document case logs into their Typhon account from all patient encounters. An ATS evaluation will not be completed for this clinical experience. Only an orientation survey and clinical site evaluation will be completed.

If the ATS is assigned to this rotation during October 1 – March 31, the **ATS must get an influenza vaccine or sign a declination form and wear a mask during patient care. The ATS must have a COVID-19 vaccine or complete a declination form to attend Nacogdoches County EMS experience.**

Prior to starting at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital – ER, EMS ride outs and Surgical Observations the following must be completed:

- 1) Read the Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital Handbook of Patient Privacy, Confidentiality, and Security of Health Care Information handbook and code of conduct. Once completed, sign the *Confidentiality Agreement, Certification and Acknowledgement, and Third Rider Release Form*.
- 2) Have a *Background Check* performed through Pre-Check. Cost is \$41.00. If the ATS has

already had a background check performed within the year, then documentation must be produced for Dr Watts to review.

- 3) Complete all Health Screening Requirements
 - a. Hepatitis B Vaccine – documentation of 3 shots or proof of immunity
 - b. Tuberculosis (TB) – negative skin test or blood test within last 12 months.
 - c. MMR Vaccine (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) - documentation of 2 shots or proof of immunity to all 3.
 - d. Tdap Vaccine - documentation of 1 shot within the past 10 years.
 - e. Varicella (Chickenpox or Shingles) - documentation of 2 shots or proof of immunity or documentation of prior disease.
 - f. Influenza Vaccine (October 1 – March 31) – documentation of current influenza vaccine.
 - g. Covid vaccine or complete a declination form.

3 : Physical Therapy

Physical therapy rehabilitation experiences will occur at these clinical sites – Nacogdoches Medical Center Outpatient Therapy and Regional Physical Therapy. The ATS will be randomly assigned to one of the clinical sites for a two-week period.

Prior to beginning the clinical experience, the ATS will contact Morgan for Regional Physical Therapy at 936.632.5511 and Marcy for Nacogdoches Medical Center Outpatient Physical Therapy 936-560-1618 by Thursday of the previous week. The ATS will provide an introduction, let the preceptor know the reporting date, and ask for any instructions prior to reporting to the clinical site. The ATS will report after the last class on Monday, because the ATS has weekends off with this clinical experience.

The ATS must have a COVID-19 vaccine to attend Regional Physical Therapy and Nacogdoches Medical Center Outpatient Physical Therapy experiences. Those ATS without a COVID-19 vaccine are required to sign a document declining the vaccine.

The ATS is expected to aim for a maximum of around 30 hours/weekly. However, hours are at the discretion of the clinical site. The ATS must contact his/her respective site the week prior to arrange the days and times to report; they may vary weekly.

The ATS must be dressed in an SFA Polo Shirt, either khaki or black pants and have the ID badge clearly visible.

On a daily basis, the ATS must document the clinical hours into the Typhon account. ([Appendix E](#)). The preceptor will approve the clinical hours at the end of the week in Typhon. The ATS must document case logs into the Typhon account from all patient encounters. The ATS evaluation must be completed by the preceptor of the clinical site.

5: Drs. Steven Overturf, Keith Fishbeck or Jonathan Williams

Level II ATS will have an orthopedic experience at Azalea Orthopedics with Drs Overturf Fishbeck, or with Dr Johnathan Williams at Dedicated Orthopedics of East Texas (Lufkin). The ATS will be assigned at the clinical site for a two-week period. The ATS will attend in the clinic and observe surgeries for this clinical experience.

Prior to beginning the clinical experience, the ATS will call the assigned orthopedic clinical site by Thursday of the previous week. For an assignment at Azalea Orthopedics the ATS will call 936.560.2990 and 936.634.8800 for Dedicated Orthopedics of East Texas (Lufkin). . The ATS will provide an introduction, the date of reporting, and ask for any instructions prior to reporting to the

clinical site. The ATS will ask for the surgery schedule from the assigned physician the day prior to scheduled surgery days. This will inform the ATS of the time and facility to report.

*For Dr. Overturf, the ATS will report to **Azalea Orthopedics** on Thursday of the first week with the assigned physician to begin the clinical experience. The ATS will attend only Thursday and Fridays for the two-week assignment. . The ATS will observe surgeries all day on Fridays with Dr. Overturf.

*For Dr. Fishbeck, the ATS will report to **Azalea Orthopedics** after class on Monday of the first week to the clinic. The ATS will observe in clinic and surgery Monday- Friday for the two-week assignment. The ATS will ask the surgery schedule from Dr. Fishbeck the day prior to attending surgery.

*For Dr. Williams , the ATS will attend Monday – Friday in clinic and surgery for the two-week assignment. The ATS will report to Dedicated Orthopedics of East Texas (Lufkin) on Monday after class, if time allows, to begin the clinical experience. The ATS is responsible for asking Dr. Williams the surgery schedule the day prior to attending surgery.

The desired clinical hours average is **30** hours/weekly. However, hours are at the discretion of the clinical site. The ATS must be dressed in an SFA Polo Shirt, either khaki or black pants and have the ID badge clearly visible.

On a daily basis, the ATS must document the clinical hours into the Typhon account. ([Appendix E](#)). The preceptor will approve the clinical hours at the end of the week in Typhon. The ATS evaluation must be completed by the preceptor-physician of the clinical site.

6. Dr Moon - MD2 Urgent Care

This is a level II clinical experience for general medical conditions that occurs during the Specialty Healthcare 8 week. The ATS will attend one week, M – F (if class allows on Monday afternoon) at the clinic with Dr. Moon. The ATS is to contact Dr. Moon's office at 936. 559. 9225 by Thursday of the week prior to the assigned rotation. Attire is a sports medicine or GATP polo (tucked), black/khaki pants, and visible ID badge.

7. Carl Davis Family Practice

This is a level II clinical experience for general medical conditions that occurs during the Specialty Healthcare 8 week. The ATS will attend one week, M-F (if class allows attendance on Monday) at the clinic with Dr Davis. The ATS is to contact Dr. Davis's office at 936.305.4155 by Thursday of the week prior to the assigned rotation. Attire is a sports medicine or GATP polo (tucked), black/khaki pants, and visible ID badge.

8: Surgical Observations

The level II ATS will have a dedicated week for surgical observations of Drs. Overturf, Fishbeck, Williams, Oviedo, Ferren, and Randle. It is the responsibility of the ATS to contact each surgical facility daily (6:00am) to ask for the surgical cases by physician to know where and when to report. ATS will report to the OR manager at the respective facility (timetable listed below, including the contact names). The ATS will report on Monday after the last class, because the ATS has weekends off with this clinical experience.

The ATS must be dressed in an SFA Polo Shirt, either khaki or black pants and have the ID badge clearly visible. You will change into scrubs once there.

Nacogdoches Medical Center Surgery (Hospital)– The ATS will enter the building via the Women's Center. At the volunteer station, ask the person to call the Surgical Suites. A person will come and escort the ATS back to surgery. If no-one is at the Volunteer desk, call the **surgical**

desk at 936.568.3200.

NMC Surgery Center of Nacogdoches - (4948 NE Stallings Drive)- The ATS must arrive between 6:45 - 700am. Upon arrival to the Surgery Center, the ATS should ask for **Brady Willis**. He is the point of contact, for when the ATS arrives at the facility for surgical observation. **Call 936.305.9212 to ask for the daily surgery schedule.**

The ATS will call every day to ask for the surgery schedule. The ATS will introduce themselves and ask for the schedule of the day. Upon arrival the ATS will ask for Brady Willis and will have you report to the Surgical Suites.

Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital – The ATS point of contact for the surgery schedule is Amy Cook. She can be contacted at **936.568.8457** to check what surgeries are scheduled for the day of attendance. The ATS must arrive between 6:45 - 700am. Upon arrival to the hospital, call the surgery front desk at **936.568.8444**

Surgeries begin @7am and run throughout the morning and possibly afternoon. The ATS can stay until the end of the scheduled surgeries or leave for class. Contact the OR manager(s) the morning of, or day before observing surgeries.

Timetable

SURGEON	FACILITY	DAY(s)	CONTACT
Overturf	Medical Center	W	
	NMC Surgery Center	F	Brady Willis
Ferren	Medical Center	M	
	Memorial Hospital	W	Amy Cook
Randle	Medical Center & NMC Surgery Center	M & W	Brady Willis
	NCM Surgery Center	1 st , 3 rd , 5 th -Th	Brady Willis
	Memorial Hospital	2 nd , 4 th - Th	Amy Cook
C. Laurich	Nacogdoches Surgery Center & Memorial Hospital	F	Call Nacogdoches Podiatry Day prior for schedule
Oviedo	Medical Center	T & Th	
	Medical Center/ NMC Surgery Center	F	Brady Willis
Fishbeck	NMC Surgery Center; Memorial Hospital	Tuesday & Thursday – NMC Surgery Center; Memorial Hospital As needed	Brady Willis Amy Cook
Williams	CHI St. Luke's Hospital, Woodland Heights Medical Center	Monday- CHI; 1 st , 3 rd & 5 th Wednesday- Woodland	CHI Mark Hobbs-

		Heights; 2 nd & 4 th Wednesday CHI	Woodland Heights
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Additional Information:

Prior to starting at Nacogdoches Medical Center (NMC) – Surgical Observations or Physical Therapy, the following must be completed:

Read the information relating to *Patient Privacy, Confidentiality and Security* documentation. Once completed, sign the *Acknowledgement form*.

- 1) Sign Exhibit A and B
- 2) Have a *Background Check* performed by NMC. Cost is ~\$37. If the ATS has already had a background check performed within the year, then documentation must be produced for NMC to review.
- 3) Complete all Health Screening Requirements
 - a. Hepatitis B Vaccine – documentation of 3 shots or proof of immunity
 - b. Tuberculosis (TB) – negative skin test or blood test within last 12 months.
 - c. MMR Vaccine (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) - documentation of 2 shots or proof of immunity to all 3.
 - d. TDaP Vaccine - documentation of 1 shot within the past 10 years
 - e. Varicella (Chickenpox or Shingles) - documentation of 2 shots or proof of immunity or documentation of prior disease.
 - f. Influenza Vaccine (October 1 – March 31) – documentation of current influenza vaccine.

9: Drs. Randle & Chad Laurich

Level II ATS will have a two-week combined experience with Dr. Randle, Neurosurgeon and a surgical observation with Dr. Chad Laurich. Podiatrist. For Dr. Randle, ATS will attend in office on Tuesday & Thursday afternoons and observe surgeries on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. For Dr. Laurich, ATS will observe surgeries with Dr. Chad Laurich on Friday at the Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital located at 1204 N Mound St or NMC Surgery Center of Nacogdoches located at 4948 NE Stallings Drive .

Prior to beginning the clinical experience with Dr. Randle, the ATS will call Nacogdoches Neurosurgery at **936.560.6999** by Thursday of the previous week. The ATS will provide an introduction, let the preceptor know the reporting date, and ask for any instructions prior to reporting to the clinical site. The ATS will report on Monday after the last class, because the ATS has weekends off with this clinical experience. The ATS is expected to have a maximum of around 25 hours/weekly. However, hours are at the discretion of the clinical site.

Prior to observing surgeries with Dr. Laurich, the ATS will call Nacogdoches Podiatry at **936.569.7460** by Wednesday of the week to confirm the surgery schedule for the Friday experience. The ATS will provide an introduction, let the preceptor know the reporting date, and ask for any instructions prior to reporting for surgery observation. The ATS will report to the surgery desk for either NMC Surgery Center of Nacogdoches or Memorial Hospital. He/she will then change into scrubs. .

The ATS must be dressed in an SFA Polo Shirt, either khaki or black pants and have the ID badge clearly visible

On a daily basis, the ATS must document the clinical hours into the Typhon account. ([Appendix E](#)). The preceptor will approve the clinical hours at the end of the week in Typhon. The ATS evaluation must be completed by the preceptor of the clinical site – Dr. Randle. The surgical

observation with Dr. Laurich does not require any clinical evaluations.

10: High Schools / Junior Colleges

Nacogdoches High School - Prior to beginning the clinical experience, the ATS will contact Jordyn Myska for NHS at **713.412.6898** by Thursday of the previous week.

Lufkin Middle / High School – Prior to beginning the clinical experience, the ATS will contact Jalen for LHS at **214.949.0483** and Mariah for LMS at **936.293.6115** by Thursday of the previous week.

Hudson High School- Prior to beginning the clinical experience, the ATS will contact Bryce Acosta at **936.239.2488** by Thursday of the previous week.

Henderson High School- Prior to beginning the clinical experience, the ATS will contact Alisha Horton at **251.377.9205** by Thursday of the previous week.

Angelina College - Prior to beginning the clinical experience, the ATS will contact Howard Krohn at **602-460-8541** by Thursday of the previous week.

Practice attire for Angelina College consists of khaki/black pants or shorts, SFA athletic training shirt and tennis shoes.

Panola College- Prior to beginning the clinical experience, the ATS will contact Jacky Andreatta at **903-693-1157** by Thursday of the previous week.

Practice coverage attire will consist of wind pants / shorts, SFA athletic training top, and tennis shoes. You will only attend athletic events that are covered by a certified athletic trainer. Home athletic events attire will consist of khaki pants / shorts and a collared SFA polo with tennis shoes.

Level Is - For the high schools, Angelina and Panola College you are to report by ~1:30pm M-F (unless class conflict or told otherwise by the preceptors).

F: Integration of Competencies and Proficiencies: Courses Associated with Clinical Instruction

Athletic Training Clinicals I – IV fit into the didactic/clinical progression in that they are courses that allow the student to apply and synthesize cognitive and psychomotor skills taught in the didactic/laboratory settings. All clinical courses involve supervision with professionals possessing the appropriate licensure and/or certification.

Students are on the understanding that psychomotor skills and/or proficiencies must be performed under the direct supervision of a preceptor until the final proficiency assessment has been successfully completed. It is also understood that real-time application and “teachable moments” can occur under the supervision of a preceptor.

Courses offered are as follows:

Year 1, Summer I	
ATTR 5321 Athletic Training Clinical I	3 hr.
ATTR 5354 Introduction to Athletic Training	2 hrs
ATTR 5110 Medical Terminology	1 hr
ATTR 5208 Emergency Care	3 hrs

Curriculum course content

PPE components; PPE screening; Administrative paperwork; Injury tracking software; Design and layout of the athletic training room; Policy and procedures of the athletic training room; Emergency care; Protective methods; OSHA regulations; Environmental awareness; Introduction to Infrared modalities; OTC Medications; Recognition and management of injuries.

Exposure

Equipment intensive; General medical; Emergency care

Year 1, Fall I	
ATTR 5332 Evaluation Techniques of the Lower Extremity	3 hrs
ATTR 5132 Evaluation Techniques of the Lower Extremity Laboratory	1 hr
ATTR 5333 Evaluation Techniques of the Upper Extremity	3 hrs
ATTR 5133 Evaluation Techniques of the Upper Extremity Laboratory	1 hr
ATTR 5222 Athletic Training Clinical II	2 hrs
ATTR 5370 General Medical Conditions	3 hrs

Curriculum course content

Recognition and assessment of lower&upper extremity injuries; General medicine

Pre-Participation exam components and screening; Vital sign assessment; Administrative paperwork; Design and layout of the athletic training room; Policy and procedures of the athletic training room; OSHA regulations; Medications; Recognition and management of injuries.

Exposure

Through the lifespan, different sexes, different socioeconomic statuses; varying levels of activity and athletic ability, non-/sport activities

Year 1, Spring I	
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ATTR 5331 Therapeutic Modalities	3 hrs
ATTR 5131 Therapeutic Modalities Laboratory	1 hr
ATTR 5335 Evaluation of the Head & Spine	3 hrs
ATTR 5135 Evaluation of the Head & Spine Laboratory	1 hr
ATTR 5336 Therapeutic Exercise	3 hrs
ATTR 5136 Therapeutic Exercise Laboratory	1 hr
ATTR 5241 Athletic Training Clinical III	2 hrs

Curriculum course content

Therapeutic modalities; Therapeutic exercise; Psychosocial issues; Recognition and assessment of head & spine injuries; SOAP writing.

Exposure

Through the lifespan, different sexes, different socioeconomic statuses; varying levels of activity and athletic ability, non-/sport activities

Year 2, Fall II	
ATTR 5334 Management Strategies in Athletic Training	3 hrs
ATTR 5374 Advanced Athletic Training	3 hrs
KINE 5350 Introduction to Research	3 hrs
ATTR 5162 BOC Examination Preparation	1 hr
ATTR 5551:01 Athletic Training Clinical V	5 hrs

Curriculum course content

Organization and Administration; Preparation for BOC national examination; Research methodology and scholarship; Advanced athletic training clinical skills

Exposure

Rehabilitation; Orthopedic surgical observations (Dependent on the student's selection for preceptor and clinical site.) Possibilities are based on patient populations and settings: Through the lifespan, different sexes, different socioeconomic statuses, varying levels of activity and athletic ability, non-/sport activities.

Year 2, Spring II	
ATTR 5162 BOC Examination Preparation	1 hr
ATTR 530 Seminar in Athletic Training	1 hr
ATTR 5239 Interprofessional Learning and Practice	2 hrs
ATTR 551:02 Athletic Training Clinical V	5 hrs

Curriculum course content

Professional development; Preparation for BOC national examination; Interprofessional collaboration; Psychosocial issues

Exposure

Rehabilitation; Orthopedic surgical observations. (Dependent on the student's selection for preceptor and clinical site.) Possibilities are based on patient populations and settings: Through the lifespan, different sexes, different socioeconomic statuses, varying levels of activity and athletic ability, non-/sport activities.

G: Clinical Skill Integration and Clinical Proficiencies

Through the natural progression of the athletic training major the proficiencies, as defined in the 2020 CAATE Standards, have been individually broken down into clinical skill objectives. The clinical skill objectives were then categorized into the following: Level I and Level II. Levels I and II may vary in opportunities based on the semester progression of didactic course offerings. Completed assessments will be kept in the ATS file and/or Typhon.

Cognitive content of each domain is introduced and formally evaluated in lecture courses. While affective domains are not evaluated in curriculum, this will be discussed and emphasized throughout the program. In compliance with the University's and Athletic Training Major's mission statements, it is hoped that "personal development and growth to becoming competent and ethical professionals" is achieved.

Clinical proficiencies can be a compilation of the three educational settings (didactic, laboratory, clinical), application of cognitive knowledge and psychomotor skills, or new cognitive content and/or psychomotor skill introduced during the lecture on designated class days of each clinical course. Proficiencies are primarily evaluated in the prospective clinical course. Psychomotor competencies that are cognitively introduced, physically practiced and evaluated in a laboratory course, become a continuum into the concurrent and proceeding clinical courses. Skills that are taught towards the end of an academic semester are carried over to the beginning of the next academic semester as review, thus supporting a learning over time theory. In addition, psychomotor competencies and clinical proficiencies that were evaluated in the past semesters, are continually and randomly added to comprehensive review proficiencies. Plus, each final proficiency for each semester is a comprehensive application of all learned proficiencies up to that point. Mastery over time should occur.

Clinical proficiencies are introduced or reviewed during the classroom session. The student, from the date of receiving the proficiency assessment instrument, is allowed a specified amount of time to practice and perform a final assessment, and must re-take if the performance score is below 80%. The student must document that the peer practice, preceptor practice and final assessment occurred on separate days. Practices may count in a simulated scenario and/or if real time application occurred. Proficiencies must be practiced with a peer and a preceptor, course instructor, or GATP Faculty; however, the final proficiency evaluation must be scored with a preceptor, course instructor, or GATP Faculty. If the student should not successfully perform a $\geq 80\%$, or "B", the proficiency assessment instrument is returned to the student and must be completed again. The recorded score will be the average of total earned scores. If the deadline for submission has passed, then it must be re-taken during "dead week." ("Dead week" is the last week before finals, where University policy does not permit introduction of any new assignments to the student).

Upon successful completion of the clinical proficiencies during the first summer semester, the student will be able to perform these skills under the direct supervision of a preceptor. This will build semester upon semester. A continuation of clinical evaluations from the first summer semester will occur in addition to the new competencies and proficiencies introduced during the second clinical course. Content will reflect the didactic and laboratory of signs and symptoms of injuries, therapeutic modalities, general medical conditions, evaluation of the lower extremity, and research interpretation. Clinical experiences during this semester are with preceptors located at SFA, area high schools, emergency services, and SFA Health Services.

With successful completion of the third semester, the student will continue clinical experiences at on-site/off-site affiliations. Again, clinical evaluations will assess skills learned from the previously completed clinicals, in addition to the new competencies and proficiencies introduced during the

third clinical course. Content of the third clinical experience will reflect didactic and laboratory content of evaluation of the upper extremity, therapeutic exercise, organization and administration. Clinical experiences during this semester are with preceptors located at SFA, area high schools, emergency services, and SFA Health Services.

During the 4th and 5th semesters, clinical skill objectives learned throughout the curriculum will be collectively evaluated through complex, comprehensive performance/assessment. This level will involve an integration of clinical skill objectives performed throughout the curriculum. These cannot be performed if lower level skills have not met the $\geq 80\%$, passing rate.

An example of how content is integrated into the ATP follows:

Initial Introduction: The student is first introduced to the anatomy of the ankle in the didactic setting of BIOL 2338: Anatomy and Physiology I and KINE 4317: Analysis of Movement (undergraduate requirements). A written test assesses the cognitive domain. ****Real-Time evaluation (an injury or pathology) is encouraged for all clinical proficiencies.**

Curriculum Introduction: In the first semester (Summer II), the student is re-introduced to the anatomy of the ankle in ATTR 5321: Clinical I through the application of learning to tape for the prevention/rehabilitation of an ankle sprain. A skills test assesses the psychomotor taping skill. During the same summer session, the student is required to recall the anatomy of the ankle in ATTR 5354: Introduction to Athletic Training through discussion of common signs and symptoms of ankle sprains. Once again, a written test assesses the cognitive and affective domains.

1st Curriculum Assessment: In the 2nd semester, the student is taking ATTR 5332/5132: Evaluation Techniques of the Lower Extremity/Laboratory. Content of this course emphasizes anatomy of the ankle through orthopedic evaluation and special tests. The student is assessed of cognitive and affective domains (5332) with written tests and assessed of psychomotor skills (5132) by performing a complete evaluation of the ankle. Also, the student will be assessed of the psychomotor skill/proficiency of ankle taping in ATTR 5222: Athletic Training Clinical II.

2nd Curriculum Assessment: In the 3rd semester of the, the student is required to perform an ankle evaluation based on the provided scenario given by the preceptor in the clinical setting, ATTR 5241: Athletic Training Clinical III as a review proficiency. This will require the student to apply all three domains, cognitive, psychomotor, and affective. Grading instrument is the clinical proficiency assessment form. The student is required to disseminate gained information and use only the applicable knowledge and assessment tools necessary for that particular injury. The student must show that the skill has been practiced before the final assessment. The student, upon showing a completed practice, is permitted to take the final assessment up to two times in order to achieve a passing score of $\geq 80\%$, or "B." The course instructor, preceptor or GATP faculty performing the assessment will remain the same if both times are needed.

3rd / 4th Curriculum Assessment: In the 4th - 5th semester, the student may be randomly required to perform an ankle assessment, treatment, rehabilitation, management, and prevention based on scenarios provided by the course instructor, preceptor or GATP faculty. Again, the student will be required to apply what was learned from all three domains. The student will be presented with a scenario that will require them to pull together all information learned over the past semesters and disseminate only the needed information, rather than perform a rote skill. In addition, during ATTR 5551 section 01 and 02, the student will hopefully have the opportunity to perform a real-time evaluation of the ankle, rather than a simulated situation.

Athletic training clinical courses involve all of the content areas. Clinical courses that are listed are

because the main content of that particular course is comprised of that content area

Content areas and the respective coursework are as follows:

Students must receive formal instruction in the following specific subject matter areas identified in the Competencies: [CAATE 2020 Standards Core Competencies\(56 – 94\)](#) and the NATA Domains

- 1. Risk Reduction, Wellness and Health Literacy*
- 2. Assessment, Evaluation and Diagnosis*
- 3. Critical Incident Management*
- 4. Therapeutic Intervention*
- 5. Health Care Administration & Professional Responsibility*

Risk Reduction, Wellness and Health Literacy

ATTR 5354 Introduction to Athletic Training
ATTR 5334 Management Strategies in Athletic Training
ATTR 5336 Therapeutic Exercise
ATTR 5332 Evaluation Techniques of the Lower Extremity
ATTR 5333 Evaluation Techniques of the Upper Extremity
ATTR 5331 Therapeutic Modalities
ATTR 5335 Evaluation Techniques of the Head and Spine
ATTR 5370 General Medical Conditions
ATTR 5208 Emergency Care
Athletic Training Clinicals

Assessment, Evaluation and Diagnosis

ATTR 5354 Introduction to Athletic Training
ATTR 5132 Evaluation Techniques of the Lower Extremity Laboratory
ATTR 5133 Evaluation Techniques of the Upper Extremity Laboratory
ATTR 5135 Evaluation Techniques of the Head and Spine Laboratory
ATTR 5354 Introduction to Athletic Training
ATTR 5370 General Medical Conditions
Athletic Training Clinicals

Critical Incident Management

ATTR 5354 Introduction to Athletic Training
ATTR 5208 Emergency Care
ATTR 5331 Therapeutic Modalities
ATTR 5370 General Medical Conditions
Athletic Training Clinicals

Therapeutic Intervention

ATTR 5331 Therapeutic Modalities
ATTR 5131 Therapeutic Modalities Laboratory
ATTR 5336 Therapeutic Exercise
ATTR 5136 Therapeutic Exercise Laboratory
ATTR 5374 Advanced Athletic Training
Athletic Training Clinicals

Health Care Administration & Professional Responsibility

ATTR 5334 Management Strategies in Athletic Training

ATTR 5130 Seminar in Athletic Training
ATTR 5239 Interprofessional Learning and Practice
Athletic Training Clinicals

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SECTION III. STUDENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Academic Dishonesty: SFA Policy 4.1

Abiding by university policy on academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students.

[The Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity](#) outlines the prohibited conduct by any student enrolled in a course at SFA. It is the responsibility of all members of all faculty, staff, and students to adhere to and uphold this policy.

Articles IV, VI, and VII of the new Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity outline the violations and procedures concerning academic conduct, including cheating, plagiarism, collusion, and misrepresentation. Cheating includes, but is not limited to: (1) Copying from the test paper (or other assignment) of another student, (2) Possession and/or use during a test of materials that are not authorized by the person giving the test, (3) Using, obtaining, or attempting to obtain by any means the whole or any part of a non-administered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program, or using a test that has been administered in prior classes or semesters without permission of the Faculty member, (4) Substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for one's self, to take a test, (5) Falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other records or academic work offered for credit, (6) Using any sort of unauthorized resources or technology in completion of educational activities.

Plagiarism is the appropriation of material that is attributable in whole or in part to another source or the use of one's own previous work in another context without citing that it was used previously, without any indication of the original source, including words, ideas, illustrations, structure, computer code, and other expression or media, and presenting that material as one's own academic work being offered for credit or in conjunction with a program course or degree requirements.

Collusion is the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any provision of the rules on academic dishonesty, including disclosing and/or distributing the contents of an exam.

Misrepresentation is providing false grades or résumés; providing false or misleading information in an effort to receive a postponement or an extension on a test, quiz, or other assignment for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit for oneself or another individual or to injure another student academically or financially.

IT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN THE GATP.

Academic Retention Policy of the GATP

1. Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 (overall), also required by the Graduate School.
2. Obtain a grade of B or better in all AT coursework (see Core AT Courses), or course(s) must be retaken, that will result in deference of expected graduation date.
3. Complete the required clinical hours per academic semester.
4. Must adhere to the NATA Code of Ethics.
5. Ability to maintain Technical Standards.
6. A grade letter of "D" is unacceptable in graduate school. If earned, the course must be retaken and may deter your graduation date or result in possible dismissal from the program.

If any one of the listings from above is not met, a student will be placed on probation within the program and possibly with the University. Being placed on probation could affect your expected

graduation date or enrollment in the GATP. If a deficiency from # 1, 2, or 6 is not corrected during this probationary period, suspension or dismissal from the GATP could result. Please refer to the PCOE Academic Appeals process.

Students begin the academic program beginning in the second summer session. Admitting classes are set up in a lock-step / cohort design. New classes are admitted annually. Each student is given a degree plan upon admittance to the athletic training major. This document is kept in the student's file for semester updates. Progression throughout the curriculum is already designed; students follow the progression. If a student were to not successfully pass an athletic training course, that student cannot progress to the next level of a clinical and consideration will be provided, on an individual basis, to allow the continuation in the program and the ability to re- take the "failed" course. **Enrollment in the program may still occur, but progression in the curriculum will be suspended until the course(s) is re-taken with a "B" or better. If a student were to fail another core AT course during or once of off suspension, the request for student removal from the program will be forwarded to the dean of the PCOE.** ATS will are required to be enrolled in clinical courses during suspension. **If a student does not successfully pass (C or higher) a supplemental course (see Core AT Course), progression may still occur within the curriculum, but the course must be re-taken.** If either situation were to occur, it could alter and delay expected graduation. Continual observation of student progress is maintained to help deter from either of these situations to occur. The graduate student is also expected by the graduate school and athletic training major to maintain an overall 3.0/4.0 GPA.

All competencies are instructed in at least one or more courses within the curriculum. Competencies are measured at each level with the administration of written, verbal, and skill assessments. The majority of clinical proficiencies are assessed during a clinical course. Some proficiencies have a final assessment in a didactic or laboratory setting. With the natural progression of instruction, practice, evaluation, and final assessment, all competencies / proficiencies are constantly revisited and reviewed until completion of the program, thus supporting learning over time. All preceptors have a copy of the *Policy and Procedure Manual*, which contains the CAATE's competencies. Also, preceptors who have direct involvement with students during a clinical experience are given a copy of the proficiency assessment with a guide for that particular teaching objective. Successful completion of competencies / proficiencies is illustrated by an earned grade of 80% or higher.

Completion of a Master's degree in Athletic Training, the ATS must (*Graduate Bulletin*):

1. Complete all coursework in the program curricula as outlined in the *Bulletin*.
2. Earn an overall grade-point average no lower than 3.0 / 4.0 scale.
3. Fulfill residence requirements.
4. All completed courses should be numbered 500 and above.
5. Apply for the degree with the Office of Registrars during the registration period for the semester in which the degree requirements are to be completed.
6. Pay graduation fees during the registration period for the semester in which the degree requirements are to be completed.
7. Clear all University accounts.
8. In addition to satisfying all course work for the graduate degree, the students must satisfy all other requirements, including the registration and attempt to complete the final comprehensive examination (BOC national examination) and, if student chooses, the thesis.
9. All work on a graduate degree must be completed within the six years of the time the students first enrolled in graduate courses, whether the courses are taken here or elsewhere.

Students are informed of the retention and graduation progression the first class meeting when they receive the *Policy and Procedure Manual*. This information is repeated with each clinical course and reiterated in ATTR 5130: Seminar in Athletic Training offered the semester of expected graduation. Accessibility to these documents is also on the web-site, in the program director's office, Typhon, all clinical sites.

Accountability

Only you are accountable for yourself. Others could influence an action, but only you can determine the outcome. Learn to be responsible for yourself.

Advising

The GATP is a Master of Science with a major in Athletic Training. Permission to enroll in major courses must be given by the Program Director; thus, all advising will be performed by the Program Director prior to enrollment for each academic semester. It is your ultimate responsibility to ensure all coursework has been completed with passing grades.

Amorous Relationships

The GATP follows the SFA Athletic Department's policy of no amorous relationships with supervising/peer persons, *e.g.*, Coaches, Athlete, Administrators, Faculty, and/or Preceptors. The ATP has added no amorous relationships with high school students.

Bloodborne Pathogen Training

Refer to the bloodborne pathogens exposure / OSHA compliance in the *SFA Athletic Training Department Policy and Procedure Manual*. It is your responsibility to become familiar with other clinical sites' bloodborne pathogens exposure / OSHA compliance policies and procedures.

Cell Phones

They should not be brought out, visually seen, or used during class unless approved for class work. You may bring one to class, but it shall only be used /answered for an emergency, or with prior approval on the day of class. If a call is necessitated, please alert the course instructor at the beginning of class. Cell phones should not be out during clinical experiences.

Classroom Attendance

Absences are discouraged. The intensiveness of the SFA's two-year, five semester curriculum does not afford for absences. If it is imperative that if an absence, or illness should occur, let your instructor(s) know prior to the absence, or immediately following the day of your return. All work to be made up is your responsibility and must occur the next day you return, unless otherwise discussed. It is your responsibility to notify the instructor in advance of any absences. If a class is missed, it is your responsibility to notify the instructor that day.

Absences will occur during your second academic year due to your clinical experiences and responsibilities. However, if they become excessive and your coursework is suffering, traveling will be at the discretion of the preceptor and GATP Faculty and department faculty. Courses beyond the AT core will follow the instructor's course rules and standards.

Clinical Attendance

Absences are discouraged. If an illness should cause an absence, let your Preceptor / CCE know prior to the absence, or immediately following the day of your return. All missed hours are your responsibility to make up. If you are going to be late, **call, do NOT text**. If a day off is requested during your clinical experience, follow the proper procedures.

Athletic training clinical experiences (ATTR 5321; 5222; 5241; 5551:01 & 02) will vary based on the assigned preceptor and clinical site's activities. The minimal clinical hour requirement for each

course should not fall below **240 hours (Level I- full semester)** and **200 hours (Level IIs 8-week), 400 hours (Level IIs Full Season)**. Failing to complete the minimum hourly requirement per program level could negatively affect the overall grade earned for a clinical course. **Level I ATS** should aim to complete on average **20 clinical hours per week** across a full semester. **Level II ATS** should aim to complete an average of **35 clinical hours per week during the non-immersive period** and no more than 60 hours per week during the immersive period, but also could be less dependent on the clinical site.

The level II ATS will participate in an 8-week immersive clinical experiences during the second academic year (Fall). During the immersive clinical experience, the ATS will attend classes on Monday of the week. For the remainder of the week, the ATS is required to attend a full day's work, as set forth by their preceptor (e.g. 8:00am-5:00pm). The immersive experience gives the ATS exposure to real life clinical hour expectations prior to completion of the GATP. Additionally, an agreed upon day off from clinical + class will be provided.

Clinical hours must be documented for **each** clinical experience in the Typhon Software on a daily basis. Clinical hours are your responsibility to record and have approved in Typhon. It is also your responsibility to keep up with the hours met. If you are behind, you must find time to make up the lost hours before the semester ends.

Preceptors will also have an account in Typhon. The Preceptor **must approve hours** at the end of each week. The clinical week starts on Monday and finishes on Sunday. It is the responsibility of the ATS and CCE to ensure preceptors are approving hours.

If the clinical experience assignments should have more than one day off during the "work" (M-F) week, and it will limit your ability to achieve appropriate clinical opportunities; it is your responsibility to find another approved clinical experience (prior to 24 hours notice of the preceptor) to obtain the needed hours.

If you choose to do voluntary clinical hours that are not part of the GATP, they **ARE NOT** to be recorded in Typhon. The opportunities may be described on your resume'.

Communication

An ATS is required to contact the preceptor by a phone call by the Thursday of the week prior to beginning a new clinical experience. The ATS should provide an introduction, and provide the start date. When speaking with the clinical sites, please be professional, courteous, and effective in your conversations (verbal or written). When corresponding via emails, use proper salutations and closings. Only phone text GATP Faculty as a last option; use email to correspond or phone calls. All faculty use smart phone apps, (e.g., Remind), communicate via as instructed.

Competencies

The GATP addresses the three educational domains: cognitive, psychomotor, and affective. Competencies involve cognitive knowledge and are usually introduced and taught in the didactic setting. These will be administered and graded throughout the program with organized timelines.

Conduct

- Be professional at all times in your language, your appearance, thinking, and your demeanor.
- Only use modalities and equipment in which you have been instructed and evaluated on, unless under the direct guidance of a preceptor.
- Clinical decisions should not be made without conferring with a preceptor.
- Follow the proper chain of communication within the GATP.
- Always maintain athlete / patient / clinical site confidentiality.
- If traveling, follow the coaches' standards or the preceptors.

- At no time should the ATS be a replacement for an Athletic Training staff or faculty.
- Do not come to class “hung-over” or “high.”
- The only time sitting is permitted is when you or the preceptor cannot find something to do, which is never.
- Do not do homework at clinical sites. Practicing your proficiencies and hands-on skills from labs is **not** homework; it is applicable to the clinical course. Studying for a written test / laboratory is homework and should not be done at your clinical site.
- Do not take pictures and post on social media while at your clinical site. If a patient is in the backdrop, you violated HIPAA.
- And abide by anything else told to with your tenure at SFA. If you do not know, ask...never ASS-U-ME or plead, “I didn’t know.”

Confidentiality

All information concerning an athlete, patient, peer, clinical setting, or the GATP and/or Athletic Training Department is confidential. No information should be discussed with anyone other than the attending preceptor at the site or GATP faculty. Avoid discussing patients in public areas. Any information requested from you should be referred to the attending preceptor or GATP faculty. Confidentiality forms must be signed and adhered to

Core Athletic Training (AT) Courses:

ATTR 5321, 5208, 5110, 5354, 5222, 5370, 5332, 5333, 5133, 5132, 5241, 5335, 5135, 5331, 5131, 5336, 5136, 5334, 5551:01, 5162, 5374, 5551:02, 5239, 5130

Non-AT Courses: KINE 5350

Disciplinary Procedures

Violation or failure to comply with the NATA Code of Ethics, Texas Department of Health’s Athletic Training Code of Conduct, the *GATP Policy and Procedures Manual*, *SFA Athletic Training Department Policy and Procedures Manual*, and SFA’s student conduct or any other actions that would compromise the integrity of the SFA GATP can result in punishment, suspension, or request for dismissal from the program. The students will be informed verbally and in writing of the offense and the disciplinary action. If the offending action is severe enough to warrant suspension or dismissal, the actions will be reported to the Graduate Athletic Training Committee. All decisions involve the Program Director. If the action is severe enough, offensive warnings may be bypassed and immediately sent to the Committee and/or request for dismissal from the program will be submitted to the dean of the college.

First Offense: Student will be verbally warned in a personal meeting with the Program Director and / or Coordinator of Clinical Education. Written documentation will be placed in the student’s file.

Second Offense: Guidelines for the discipline will be decided by the GATP faculty, personally discussed with the student, and supported by a written document. Written documentation will be placed in the student’s file.

Third Offense: Student may be placed on suspension or expelled from the program. The penalty will be determined by the GATP Committee. Upon the made decision, written documentation will be given to the student, in addition the written documentation will be placed in the student’s file.

Dress Code

Unless noted otherwise (at off-site affiliated clinical sites, refer to Clinical Sites), the

following will be adhered to during clinical rotations at SFA:

- **NO CLOTHES YOU WEAR SHOULD HAVE HOLES** except for the exposure of your extremities.
- Facial earrings are **NOT** allowed to be worn at any of the hospitals, SFA Student Health Clinic, and at any of the Specialty Healthcare (8week) clinical sites.
- **Polo SHIRTS SHOULD ALWAYS BE TUCKED.**
- If you are not wearing the proper attire, you will be sent home to change and return to your clinical site with a deduction of your clinical hours.
- When in doubt, do not wear it. Be professional. Be proud.
- **NO ORANGE** is to be worn on the SFASU athletic department grounds/clinical sites.

Daily Practice / Athletic Training Facility(s) (ATF)

- Shirts: SFA Athletic Training Department will provide some t-shirts and dress polo(s).
EX: Unacceptable: Fraternity/Sorority logos; cut-offs; tank tops; white hygiene undershirts; t-shirts bearing solicitation (alcohol, drugs); sleeveless shirts; mid-driffs
Acceptable: Neutral shirts, or shirts with Under Armor logos, or SFA logo
- Shorts: Not provided by SFA:
EX: Unacceptable: Cut-offs; Blue-jeans; shorts that expose private parts; biking shorts; spandex
Acceptable: Khaki style; Nylon; Cotton- Khaki style ONLY at Angelina College.
- Pants: Not provided by SFA:
EX: Unacceptable: **NO BLUE JEANS**; No tights; Leggings; Pants that expose undergarments or with holes; yoga pants, jeggings, spandex
Acceptable: Khaki style; Wind pants; Nylon
- Shoes: Not provided by SFA:
EX: Unacceptable: Slides; Slippers; Toe-less shoes; Sandals; Dress shoes, Slip-on style, etc.
Acceptable: Tennis shoes

Game Events

- Inside sporting events:
Basketball: compliance with the coach's / preceptor's rules. Expect to wear business casual clothes, shoes that allow you to run (e.g., no stilettos).
Volleyball: business casual clothes; adhere to coach's / preceptor's rules.
- Outdoor sporting events:
Football, Track & Field, Soccer, Baseball, Softball: khaki style shorts, SFA polo shirt, tennis shoes; black pants for SFA Football

Employment

The intensity of this two-year academic program along with the clinical responsibilities makes it very difficult to pursue outside employment or teaching graduate assistantships. They are not denied, but students must be aware of the rigorous time commitment to manage both the program and a job the first year in the program. It is your responsibility to notify your employer that your first responsibility and obligation is to this academic program. Do not allow conflicts to

occur and do not fit clinicals around your job.

If you are an LAT, there are external opportunities for employment, but all of these activities are beyond SFA. Students eligible for employment as an LAT may work, but must ensure all program requirements are first priority. There will be no missing assigned clinical experiences (practices, games, clinic). No ATS are permitted to travel with you while providing these services. You also may not wear any clothing with the SFA Sports Medicine logo and no ATS are permitted to travel with you while providing these services.

Graduation from the GATP

All AT core coursework must be completed with a grade of $\geq 80\%$, "B" or better, in addition to completion of clinical hours. It is required that the ATS show proof of registration and an attempt of the Board of Certification National Examination during the last academic semester within the GATP.

Progression throughout the curriculum is already designed; students follow the progression. If a student does not successfully pass a core athletic training course, that student cannot progress to the next level of clinical and must re-take the "failed" course. If a student does not successfully pass a "supplemental" course (KINE 5350 and 5360), progression may still occur within the curriculum, but the course must be re-taken. If either situation were to occur, it could alter and delay expected graduation. Continual observation of student progress is maintained to help deter either of these situations occurring. The graduate student is also expected by the Graduate School and Athletic Training Major to maintain an overall minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0.

To qualify for completion of a Master's degree in Athletic Training, the student must (*Graduate Bulletin*):

1. Complete all coursework in the program curricula as outlined in the *Graduate Bulletin*.
2. Earn an overall grade-point average no lower than 3.0 / 4.0 scale.
3. Fulfill residence requirements.
4. All completed courses should be numbered 500 and above.
5. Apply for the degree with the Office of Registrars during the registration period for the semester in which the degree requirements are to be completed.
6. Pay graduation fees during the registration period for the semester in which the degree requirements are to be completed.
7. Clear all University accounts.
8. In addition to satisfying all course work for the graduate degree, the students must satisfy all other requirements, including a final comprehensive examination (BOC registration) and, if sought, the thesis.
9. Because the BOC national examination is the equivalence of the Department of Kinesiology and Health Science comprehensive examination, the BOC must be attempted before graduating the program. If it is not attempted before the graduation date (May), a degree will not be granted, nor will you have access to official transcripts. Upon the first attempt of the BOC, official transcripts will be released along with the granting of your degree.
10. All work on a graduate degree must be completed within the six years of the time the students first enrolled in graduate courses, whether the courses are taken here or elsewhere. (SFA Policy)

Grievance Procedure

Any student who feels they have been wronged or not fairly treated should report these incidents

to the Program Director. If the incidence goes beyond the ability of the Program Director to handle, then University guidelines should be followed. Graduate students use the same academic appeals policy and procedures as undergraduate students. Institutional policies in the *Handbook of Operations* is located: <https://www.sfasu.edu/hop>

Health Records / Immunizations

Proof of these documents is requested with the application package. A copy of these records will be placed in your personal student file. No student will begin clinical experiences until proof has been provided and placed in the student's personal file. This is also in accordance with SFA's student enrollment. Hospitals have multiple requirements. If you should refuse to receive any, it could affect your clinical assignment, thus limiting your experiences in the program.

Health Services

Information located in the *General Bulletin, Graduate Bulletin, University Website*.

Keys

Keys are issued on an as-needed basis in order to gain access to the various clinical sites on SFA's campus for athletic practices.

Liability Insurance

Purchasing of this will be done by the GATP on an annual basis. There is a related course fee that provides for this. If you are hired as a paid employee of the University or private coaching camp (must have TX LAT credential), the GATP and/or University is not responsible for liability incurred when the ATS independently functions as a first responder or for professional outreach as an LAT. The ATS is responsible for his/her own conduct when volunteering in this capacity and should very carefully review the liability insurance policy to insure adequate coverage. The student liability insurance policy will not cover you if you seek outside athletic training opportunities not required by SFA or if you possess a Texas athletic training license.

Modalities

Instruction on the use of applying modalities will be instructed during ATTR 5321. Theory and further application regarding treatment parameters will follow throughout the curriculum. Instruction in ATTR 5321 does **NOT** permit the ATS to adjust treatment parameters or protocols, unless directed by a preceptor.

Outreach to high schools:

There may be some opportunities to attend with a faculty/staff of the GATP in covering an outreach area football, or other athletic events. These are **voluntary**. If you are an LAT, there are external opportunities for employment, but all of these activities are beyond SFA and require you to purchase part-time liability insurance separate from the GATP's required policy. Students eligible for employment as an LAT may work, but must ensure all program requirements are first priority. Missing assigned clinical experience practices or games to work an external employment opportunity is not allowed. No ATS are permitted to travel with you while providing these services. You also may not wear any university issued clothing with and no ATS are permitted to travel with you while providing these services.

Personal Appointments/ Obligations

The ATS may encounter a need to schedule personal healthcare appointments, counseling appointments, or other important obligations necessary for success in the academic program. These appointments are supported; however, every effort should be made to conduct these appointments and obligations around class time and clinical schedules. Communication with instructor/preceptor should be timely and professional if the ATS is unable to avoid missing class or clinicals.

Professional Membership Dues

This is a requirement of the program that is listed in the *Associated Costs* document on the program's website. You are expected to maintain, or purchase a new National Athletic Trainers' Association Student Membership for the district you wish to be identified with while enrolled at SFA.

Proficiencies (Skill Competencies)

Each skill competency proficiency will have a specified time to complete. During that time period, practice of the proficiency skill must have occurred with a peer, preceptor, course instructor or GATP faculty before a final assessment can occur. It is your responsibility to keep up with these and complete them by the due date. The final proficiency assessment may only be performed with a preceptor, course instructor or GATP faculty.

You have two opportunities to successfully pass the final assessment of a proficiency before the assigned due date. An appointment for a final assessment must be **made 24 hours in advance**. Do not perform the final assessment the day the proficiency is due. It will not allow time for a make-up. Level Is test with preceptors; Level IIs test with the CCE/GATP faculty ONLY during the eight-week specialty healthcare clinical rotation.

If a proficiency is not successfully passed ($\geq 80\%$) after the two attempts, make-ups will occur during dead week. It is your responsibility to make sure that it is completed or an incomplete will be given or failure of the course, thus resulting in a delay of graduation.

Dead week **is intended only** for failed proficiencies or missed proficiencies due to an excused absence for the clinical course, or other arranged absence.

Remediation

ASSIGNMENT: ATS will earn a minimum score of an 85% on program assignments.

Remediation: In the case of a student scoring below the benchmark, the earned score will be recorded and remediation will be tailored to the assignment.

CLINICAL EVALUATION: ATS will earn a minimum score of an 80% on clinical evaluations.

Remediation: In the case of a student scoring below the benchmark, the CCE will address low scoring areas with the ATS/Preceptor and share in the discussion of ways to improve.

PROFICIENCY: ATS will earn a minimum score of an 80% with clinical proficiencies.

Remediation: In the case of a student scoring below the benchmark, the ATS must retake the proficiency until the student meets the 80% benchmark. The average score of all attempts will be recorded even though it may be lower than an 80%. *For comprehensive clinical proficiencies administered at the end of the semester, ATS will earn a minimum score of an 80%; however, remediation will not occur.

EXAMS/TESTS/ORAL PRACTICUMS/SKILL TESTS: ATS will earn a minimum score of a 70% with exams/test/oral practicums/skill tests. Remediation: In the case of a student scoring below the benchmark, the earned score will be recorded, and remediation will be tailored to the assessment by the instructor.

SURVEYS: ATS will earn score of an 80% for program surveys. Remediation: As most surveys are self-reflective, there is no remediation.

Sexual Harassment

Any action deemed as, construed as, or pertaining to sexual harassment as defined in the University Student Handbook by any student in the GATP will result in referral to the University Disciplinary Committee for appropriate action and possible dismissal from the program. **Any form of sexual harassment by a student, patient, faculty, staff, or preceptor will not be tolerated.** Please notify a member of the GATP faculty if you feel that you have been harassed or you have witnessed sexual harassment. In the case of sexual harassment, the student has the right to pursue the EEO grievance procedure for redress. The Affirmative Action office should also be contacted for this procedure.

Supervision

Terminology

1. *Direct Supervision:* the **constant visual and auditory interaction** between athletic training student (ATS) and preceptor. Therefore, the preceptor is available on location to physically intervene in an emergency or educational experience.
2. *Supervision:* a clinical opportunity that involves daily visual and auditory interaction between the ATS and preceptor. We advocate for the ATS to be working toward making autonomous clinical decision based on evidence-based practice / research.
3. *Unsupervised:* If the AT is unable to intervene on behalf of the ATS during patient care or while supervising an athletic team.

Teachable Moment

These are situations where a hands-on application of any proficiency and/or topic in athletic training occurs prior to being assessed with that particular proficiency, usually in the clinical setting. The question is...can the ATS **assist** or **be introduced** to that task or skill without having been "tested." Yes, they may as long as the ATS is under the direct supervision (standing right next to the ATS in order to step-in or terminate the skill on behalf of the safety of the patient) of a preceptor.

Take advantage of these moments. Live and learn. Step up to the moment, do not let it come to you.

Technical Standards

This document is provided to you within your application package. The signed document is available in your personal student file. If at any time your physical or academic status should change, a new Technical Standards form needs to be completed and put on file.

Verification must be done by the attending physician, or medical professional who performs the physical examination and the student.

Transportation:

It is a requirement of the program to have a reliable mode of transportation in order to complete the clinical expectation of the program. Many of the sites are off-campus. The program will try to multi-assign ATS to allow the possibility of car-pooling to help offset costs for gasoline.

Traveling with a preceptor

This is a permitted and privileged activity. All policies and procedures of the GATP and host institution in which the preceptor is employed will be followed. Arrive early for any departure time. Assist the support staff if your requirements of the preceptor are complete.

Typhon Student Account Fee

Typhon is an online software management system all ATS will utilize to document clinical hours, clinical evaluations, patient case logs, and program documents. This is an ATP required

purchase for \$99.00. Typhon will be utilized for all clinical/laboratory courses. The fee is due during the first week of beginning the ATP (in ATTR 5321).

Voluntary Clinical Experiences

Opportunities to have additional clinical experiences that go beyond the semester may occur during your enrollment in the GATP. These are voluntary decisions made by the ATS. No SFA issued clothing may be worn during these volunteer opportunities.

Staying at your clinical site if you have exceeded the maximum clinical hours is not considered voluntary. Clinical hours are set to allow you to still be able to be successful in your academic courses. Please report to the GATP if you are expected or feel obligated to break this policy.

Withdrawal from the Program

Withdrawal from the GATP may involve self-withdrawal from all current and future courses and/or a letter of withdrawal submitted by the ATS and received by the program director. Re-admittance to the program will involve a re-application to the GATP and repeat of all coursework (at the discretion of the GATP faculty).

APPENDIX A

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

All students entering the Graduate Entry-Level Athletic Training Education Program are subject to the admission procedures and standards to the Graduate School. The students admitted per cohort, or admission year, is capped at 18 with a total number of 36 maximum.

Admittance to Stephen F. Austin Graduate School:

Admission to the Graduate School is under the control of the Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies and Research to whom must be made application for admission and to whom should be addressed all correspondence on the subject.

Four types of admission exist:

- (1) Clear admission under which the student is eligible to work toward a graduate degree;
- (2) Provisional admission under which an individual is permitted to take graduate courses for one semester only, under the provisions described below;
- (3) Post-baccalaureate admission under which the student already holding a bachelor's or master's degree is eligible to take graduate courses but may apply only a limited number of these courses toward a graduate degree.

Application forms for admission are available from the Office of Research and Graduate Studies. Official transcripts from each college/university attended must be included with the completed application form and sent to the Graduate Office **at least 30 days prior to entering**. Stephen F. Austin State University will accept credit or recognize degrees only from institutions accredited by one of the regional accrediting bodies.

The GRE is NOT required within the Department of Allied Health Sciences, therefore, not required for the GATP.

An applicant whose native language is not English must present a satisfactory score of 79 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Please visit the [Office of International Programs](#) for optional English proficiency.

An applicant for admission to graduate study must either (1) be in the final semester of undergraduate work (2) hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution or (3) have completed 90 or more semester hours of undergraduate work here and be approved for graduate study as an overlap student. Additionally, an applicant for admission as a major to a graduate degree program (excluding the M.B.A., MPAC, M.F., and the M. F. A.) must present 18 semester hours of undergraduate work in that field or 18 semester hours of closely related work approved by the appropriate academic department. The same provision extends to an applicant intending to pursue a graduate minor of 15 or more semester hours.

An applicant admitted to the [Graduate School](#) must enroll within one calendar year of admission. Thereafter, the applicant must reapply for admission. The application process will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Admission and Scholarship Policies for Graduate and Professional Programs, which was adopted by the 77th Session of the Texas Legislature, and which amend Chapter 51 of the Texas Educational Code.

The Graduate application form can be downloaded in PDF format at the following site: [GATP PDF Application](#), or can be obtained by mail or FAX by requesting it through the following e-mail address: gschool@sfasu.edu.

Refer to the Graduate Bulletin for further detail or <https://www.sfasu.edu/registrar/registration-information/catalog>.

Admittance to Professional Graduate Athletic Training Program (GATP):

The Graduate Athletic Training Education Program is a highly competitive admissions program. Prospective graduate athletic training students must first be accepted to the Stephen F. Austin State University Graduate School before applicants will be considered for the review process for admittance to the GATP. Neither acceptance to the Graduate School nor meeting the GATP's criteria guarantees acceptance into the GATP. Transfer graduate students are not accepted due to the designed block plan. Application period is rolling and will continue until all positions are filled. If admission is extended but a gap year is necessary, at the program's discretion, the invitation could be honored to the following year. Re-application will be required beyond that.

Requirements for acceptance into the SFA Graduate ATP are as follows:

1. Admittance to SFA Graduate School.
2. Minimum of a 2.80 GPA on all undergraduate work taken prior to receiving a bachelor's degree.
3. Completion with a grade of "C" or better in all leveling course work, or the course must be re-taken, along with a copy of a syllabus* from each course. All leveling courses must be completed prior to starting classes in the Athletic Training Program as per current program practices.
4. Completed application form.
5. Completed medical history, physical examination by physician/nurse practitioner, current tetanus immunization, and documentation of begun or completed Hepatitis B vaccination (if done), and/or copy of signed option of decline. (It is not necessary to have the HepB completed or begun for admittance to the GATP.)
6. Signed Technical Standard forms.
7. Copy of current First Aid / CPR / AED / certification.
8. Application package is a rolling receipt and/or until all positions are filled.

*Requested if not a graduate of SFA. Syllabi will be viewed regarding met competencies in each subject matter. It is at the discrepancy of the Graduate ATP Committee as to whether they meet these standards. Courses with other titles must include the course description as written in your university's bulletin and the course syllabus / progression in order to consider any substitutions. In addition, support must be if competencies were met within the pre-requisites set forth by the CAATE. Further coursework may be needed to decide. To graduate within the projected two years, all deficiencies should be completed prior to admission to the Graduate ATP. The applicant must understand if deficiencies are not completed prior to admittance to the program, it may extend completion of the program.

LEVELING COURSES:

Human Anatomy and Physiology I **and** Human Anatomy and Physiology II
Introduction Nutrition / Sports Nutrition
Analysis of Movement / Biomechanics / Kinesiology
Physiology of Exercise and Laboratory
General Psychology / Sport Psychology / Exercise Psychology
General Chemistry (for Non-majors)
Concepts of Biology or Human Biology (for Non-majors)
General Physics (for Non-majors)

BIO 121 Concepts of Biology - Concepts-oriented course for the non-science major. Study of

the origin of life, the cell, growth and reproduction, genetics and evolution. May not be used to meet graduation requirements by students majoring in the College of Sciences and Mathematics or for certain certification of high school teachers in biology.

Co-requisite(s): [BIO 121L](#)

BIO 123 Human Biology- Biological principles for non-science majors. Study of the evolution of man, organ systems and the human organism. May not be used to meet graduation requirements of students majoring in the College of Sciences and Mathematics or for certification of high school teachers in biology.

Co-requisite(s): [BIO 123L](#)

CHE 133 General Chemistry - Atomic and molecular structures, stoichiometry, gas laws and thermodynamics. Course fee \$30. **(CHEM 1311)**

Prerequisite(s): [MTH 138](#) or [MTH 143](#)

Co-requisite(s): CHE [133L](#)

PHY 101 General Physics- Presentation with a minimum of mathematics of the basic concepts of mechanics, light and sound. May not be used to meet graduation requirements by students majoring in the College of Sciences and Mathematics (except for students majoring in computer information Systems or information technology). Lecture and laboratory grades are computed into one grade, and the same grade is recorded for both lecture and lab. **(PHYS 1305)**

Co-requisite(s): PHY [101L](#)

HSC 121 Core Concepts in Health – An introduction course which examines the multi-dimensional factors (emotional, environmental, intellectual, occupational, physical, social, and spiritual) that affect optimal health.

ATTR 353 / L Physiology of Exercise – The physiological basis of movement and exercise with concurrent laboratory.

ATTR 357 Prevention and Care of Injuries - Caring for injuries in the gymnasium and on the athletic field. Course fee \$18. Lab fees \$2.50 per semester hour, towel and lock fees \$2.50 per semester hour, unless otherwise stated.

ATTR 417 Analysis of Movement / Kinesiology– The study of anatomical and mechanical factors that influence human movement.

HMS 339 Nutrition – A study of the nutritive needs of the body with emphasis on function of the nutrients in the body, food sources, and requirements for persons of different ages and activities.

PSY 133 Psychology – A survey of fundamental principles of behavior, including physiological, perceptual, developmental, learning, motivational, cognitive, social, historical, and methodological perspectives.

BIO 238 Human Anatomy and Physiology I – Structure and function of the body systems and organs.

BIO 239 Human Anatomy and Physiology II – Structure and function of the body systems and organs.

APPENDIX B

BUCKLEY AMENDMENT

By signing this form, you certify that you agree to disclose your educational records. You also realize that this form is a part of your educational records. These records are protected by the **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974** and they may be disclosed without your consent.

You give your consent to disclose only to authorize representatives of this institution and members of the Graduate Athletic Training Program (GATP) the following documents:

- This form;
- Any transcript from this institution, or any junior college or four-year institutions you have attended;
- GRE test scores.

You agree to disclose these records only to determine your eligibility for the GATP and for post-graduate survey research.

Signature

Date

Program Director

Date

APPENDIX C

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT CONFIDENTIALITY FORM

The Stephen F. Austin State University Athletic Training Department and other affiliated clinical sites maintain records and computer systems that contain confidential information pertaining to patients. This health information is required by law to be protected. Individuals who have access to this patient information must be aware of their responsibilities and agree to abide by the SFA Athletic Training and other clinical sites' policy and procedures protecting the confidentiality of this information.

I, (Printed Name): _____ accept responsibility for maintaining the confidentiality of all patient information. I acknowledge that during the course of my clinical experience and work I may have access to confidential patient, business, and financial information that should only be viewed as necessary for the performance of my job and only disclosed according to SFA Athletic Training and other clinical sites' policies and procedures.

- I will maintain and store documents and computer media in such a way as to insure there is no intentional or inadvertent access by others (lock information to desks, file cabinets, or other secure areas).
- I will assure that work areas are arranged such that paper documents, computer monitor screens, and documents in printers, faxes, and photocopiers are not viewable to the general public, patients, or unauthorized staff.
- I acknowledge that oral conversations may be overheard and, thereby, violate the privacy of patients. Conversations in patient care areas, hallways, stairwells, elevators, eating areas, and other places of public gathering should not occur in order to ensure confidentiality is not violated. Conversations regarding patients should not occur with others in order to ensure confidentiality is not violated.
- I acknowledge that documents containing patient information shall not be recycled or thrown in the trash. Destruction of patient information contained on computers hard drives or diskettes shall be done in consultation with the clinical instructors.
- I will not release my user identification code and password to anyone or allow anyone to access or alter information under my identity; nor will I attempt to access information by using a user identification code or password other than my own. I also acknowledge that my user identification code and password are the equivalent of my signature and that I am accountable for all entries and actions recorded under them.
- I understand and acknowledge that intentional or unintentional disclosure of patient information, unless provided for by State or Federal Law, may result in disciplinary action including termination from the program.
- I further acknowledge that under this agreement my obligation will continue after my termination from the SFA Athletic Training Program and that my privileges are subject to periodic review, revision, and renewal.

I have read and will comply with this agreement.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Program Director

**Adapted from Michigan State University's Confidentiality Agreement:
<http://athletictraining.msu.edu/documents/Confidentiality%20Agreement%20Form.pdf>*

APPENDIX D

CLINICAL SITES AND DIRECTIONS

Angelina College

This is a Junior College with the following sports: M/WBB, M/W Soc, BSB, SB, M/WT&F/CC. Angelina College employs a full-time athletic trainer who will act as your preceptor for this site.

Directions - 3500 South 1st Street, Lufkin; 26 miles – approx. 30 mins

From SFA – go South on North Street which will turn into 59 South. In Lufkin, use the right lane to take US-59 S ramp to Houston. Continue to follow US59S/ S 1st St for approx. 1.5 miles. The College will be on your right. Take right at the lights and go to the 2nd entrance (lights). Follow Road. Activity Center will be on the left. Parking is available outside the Activity Center.

Carl Davis Family Practice

This is a family practice of Dr Carl Davis and a part of the Specialty Healthcare 8 week experience that occurs during the ATS second year.

Directions: 613 Russell Blvd; Nacogdoches; 3.4 miles; 9 mins

From SFA- turn right onto North Street. Proceed down North Street for 2.4 miles past Wal-Mart. Take a right onto Russell Blvd. Go .3 miles and turn left into the parking lot.

CHI St. Luke's Memorial Hospital

This is a clinical site for surgery observation that occurs in the Specialty Healthcare- 8 week during the ATS's second year.

Directions: 1201 W Frank Avenue, Lufkin; 23 miles- approx. 30 mins

From SFA- go south on North Street which will turn into 59 South. Stay on Business US 59 into Lufkin. Turn right on Hoskins Avenue, then left on N First Street, then turn right onto W Frank Avenue. Turn left and then right into the parking lot.

Dedicated Orthopedics of East Texas

This is a clinical site for surgery observation that occurs in the Specialty Healthcare- 8 week during the ATS's second year.

Directions: 208 Gaslight Blvd; Lufkin; 24 miles- approx. 30 mins

From SFA- go south on North Street which will turn into 59 South. Take Business US 59 as you come into Lufkin. Turn right on Hoskins Avenue, then left on N First Street, then turn right onto W Frank Avenue, then left onto Gaslight Blvd, then right and into the parking lot.

Henderson High School

Henderson is a 3-A high school with the following sports: FB, M/WBB, M/W Soc, BSB, SB, WVB, M/W T&F/CC, M/W Golf, M/W Tennis, and Power Lifting. Henderson employs one head athletic trainer, Alisha Horton, who is the preceptor for this site, and two assistant athletic trainers.

Directions- 1900 State Hwy 64; Henderson; 43 miles- approx. 45 mins

From SFA- go north on North Street out of town. North Street will turn into 259. Follow 259 for 36 miles. Turn left onto West Depot St, then a slight Right onto N Van Buren St, then go .9 miles and turn left on SH-64, in 1.0 mile turn right onto N, Everside St. The high school is on the right.

Lufkin High School:

This high school is a 5-A high school with the following sports: FB, M/WBB, M/W Soc, BSB, SB,WVB, M/WT&F/CC, MGolf, M/WTN, SW, Power lifting. Jalen Wise serves as the preceptor for this site.

You are to report by ~1:30pm on the designated week day(s) (unless class conflict or told otherwise by the preceptors).

Directions- 309 S Medford Dr, Lufkin: 22 miles – approx. 25 mins
From SFA – go south on North Street which will turn into 59 South. Continue on 59 South into Lufkin. Exit Lufkin Avenue. Take a Left onto Lufkin Avenue at the 4-way stop. Lufkin High School will be on the right. Enter the school at the entrance past the guard hut, and parking lot (it was a gravel road). Follow this road, traveling between the Football Stadium and parking lot and park in the small lot outside the fieldhouse / athletic building.

Lufkin Middle School:

This middle school is the feeder to LHS that will involve FB and VB. Lufkin MS employs one full-time athletic trainer who will act as your preceptor during the fall semester for this site.

You are to report as directed by the preceptor and/or GATP.

Directions- 101 Cotton Square, Lufkin, TX 75901: approx. 25 mins
From SFA – go south on North Street which will turn into 59 South. Continue on 59 South into Lufkin. Exit Denman Avenue. Take a Right on Denman and drive through one intersection. Lufkin Middle School will be on the left. Enter the school through the fenced entrance and drive the backparking lot. The athletic training facility is located in the athletic building.

MD² Family Medicine:

This facility is owned and operated by Kelley Moon, MD General Medicine. This is a Level II clinical experience.

Directions -1320 N University Drive; 1 mile- approx. 4mins
From SFA- head east on Starr Avenue toward University Drive. Turn right onto University Dr. Travel .6 miles and MD² Family Medicine is located on your left. Turn into the road leading to Burke’s retail store. Then turn left into the MD² Family Medicine parking lot.

Nacogdoches High School:

This high school is a 4-A high school with the following sports: FB, M/WBB, M/W Soc, BSB, SB,WVB, M/WT&F/CC, MGolf, M/WTN, SW, Power lifting. Nacogdoches employs two full-time athletic trainers, but only Jordyn Myska will act as your preceptor for this site.

Directions- Maroney Drive, Nacogdoches; 3.5 miles – approx. 10 mins
From SFA – Take a left on University Dr. Turn right on Maroney Dr. On Maroney, you will take the first entrance into the school. Pass by the security guard and park in the right parking lot. The Athletic Training facility is the second door on the left situated on the outside of the Athletic Field house building.

Nacogdoches Medical Center – Outpatient Care, Physical Therapy:

This facility is owned and operated by NMC. This experience will be observation with hands-on participation at the discretion and direction of the preceptors. Business casual attire is expected with tennis shoes in good condition (khaki-style pants & SFA polo-styled shirt) and SFA name tag clearly visible.

Directions- From SFA- turn south on US Business 59/North Street. It is about one ¼ mile on the right,

attached to an Urgent ER. PT is the back of the building. The building is near Guacamoles restaurant.

Surgery Center of Nacogdoches - NMC Surgery Center:

This facility is owned and operated by NMC. This experience will be surgical observation only. Business casual attire is expected with tennis shoes in good condition (khaki-style pants & SFA polo-styled shirt) and SFA name tag clearly visible. Once there, you will need to check in with the Brady Willis and change into scrubs

Directions- From SFA – Turn right onto north street and head north for 3.4 miles. Turn right on Stallings Drive (after Wal-Mart). Surgery Center of Nacogdoches – NMC Surgery Center is located on the left.

Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital Emergency Room / Emergency Medical Services:

This clinical experience for Level Is will involve observation of the ER and riding out with the EMS.

Directions- From SFA- take E Starr, turn onto Raguet Street. Report to the hospital through the Emergency Entrance, behind the hospital. The schedule is flexible, but ATS cannot stay past 10:00pm at night. EMS: The ATS will call the Memorial Hospital Dispatch (936 568 8508) each day to be told which station to report. The ATS is required to complete an average of 20 hours for the week, with six days (three days each; M-Sat) split between EMS and ER.

Nacogdoches Surgery Center:

This facility is privately owned by physicians. This Level II ATS clinical experience will be surgical observation of Chad Laurich, DPM only. The clinical experience will occur on Friday of the week with Dr. Randle. The ATS will call Dr. Chad Laurich's office (Nacogdoches Podiatry: 936.560.9599) by Wednesday of the week for the Friday surgery schedule. Business casual attire is expected with tennis shoes in good condition (khaki-style pants & SFA polo-styled shirt) and SFA name tag clearly visible. Once there, check in with Glenda and change into scrubs.

Directions- 3610 N University Drive
From SFA- Turn North on University Drive. Head towards Austin Street. After passing Austin Street is ¼ mile on the right.

Woodland Heights Medical Center

This is a clinical site for surgery observation that occurs in the Specialty Healthcare- 8 week during the ATS's second year.

Directions: 505 S. John Reddit Dr; Lufkin; 24 miles; approx. 30 mins
From SFA – go South on North Street which will turn into 59 South. Follow for 59 South for 24 miles then take a right into the entrance.

Azalea Orthopedics – Orthopedics:

This facility includes preceptors Steven Overturf, MD, and Keith Fishbeck, DO Team Physicians for SFA and Orthopedic Surgeon. This is a level II clinical experience.

Directions- 3816 N University, Nacogdoches; 2.4 miles- approx. 8 min
From SFA- Head north on North Street. Turn right onto Austin Street and continue to the light at University Drive. Turn left on University Drive and Azalea Orthopedics is on the right in approximately 0.4 miles Parking is in the front of the building.

Panola Junior College:

This Junior College is located in Carthage, TX and has the following sports: men's and women's

basketball, volleyball, baseball, and rodeo. Panola College employs a full-time athletic trainer who will serve as the preceptor for this site.

Directions- 1109 W. Panola , Carthage, TX 75633

From SFA- get on US Business 59/North Street heading North. Once, out of town, US Business 59/North will become 259. Stay straight on 259 for 21 miles. At Mt. Enterprise you will turn right onto SH-315. Follow SH-315 for 26 miles and then turn left onto North Bird Drive. Panola College will be on the right in approximately .4 miles. Turn right onto North Horseshoe Bend and park in the parking lot on the right. The athletic training facility is located inside the Arthur Johnson Gymnasium on the first floor.

Nacogdoches Neurosurgery :

This is Dr. Randle's private practice. This experience may be both observational and hands-on, and will include surgical observations. Business casual attire is expected with tennis shoes in good condition (khaki-style pants & SFA polo-styled shirt) and SFA name tag clearly visible.

Directions- 5500 North St, Nacogdoches, TX 75965

From SFA-get on US Business 59/North Street heading North. Go through the intersection by Wal-Mart. Shortly after going through the intersection, his building is a tan brick building on the right.

Regional Physical Therapy:

The Physical Therapist at this site is Dale Botsford. This experience will be observation with hands-on participation at the discretion and direction of the clinician. Business casual attire is expected with tennis shoes in good condition (khaki-style pants & SFA polo-styled shirt) and SFA name tag clearly visible.

Directions- 211 S Timberland Dr, Lufkin, TX 75901

From SFA- go south on North Street. Cross Main Street and follow South St to Hwy 59S. Take Hwy 59 to Lufkin. Follow Hwy59Bus (North Timberland Dr). Continue to South Timberland Drive. Clinic is at 211 South Timberland Drive.

For all sites, if mornings are free from AT courses, you are highly encouraged to attend your clinical in the AMs as well.

APPENDIX E: Example of a Clinical Proficiency

ATTR 5551:01 – Clinical IV
 Circle: 1st 2nd 3rd

Student: _____

Each component of the proficiency skill will receive a point value as follows:

5 = Performed correctly
 4 = Left out a component
 3 = Performed partially

2 = Left out many components
 1 = Performed incorrectly
 0 = Not performed

THERAPEUTIC MODALITIES (Therapeutic Interventions)

DUE:

LEVEL II		Final Preceptor Assessment	
Clinical Integrated Proficiency: CIP 4, 4a, 4a-4f Synthesis & application Instructed: KIN 531 KIN 522 Initial Evaluation: KIN 531L KIN 522	Setting performed: (check one) ___ SFA ATR ___ Practice ___ Game ___ Other _____		Delivery performed: (check one) ___ Real-time/Patient. ___ Simulation
	Skill Criteria: 1a. ___ Initial assessment of pt 1.b. ___ Identified injury 1c. ___ Identified Tx parameters 1.d. ___ Selected appropriate modality(ies) 1.e. ___ Proper patient positioning 1.f. ___ Proper application of skill(s) 1.g. ___ Proper selection of supplies 1.h. ___ Assessed pt p tx 1.i. ___ Educated pt of indications/contraindications/ p tx effects		Comments:
PRACTICES Week 1 ___ Peer Px Initial _____ Date _____ Week 2 ___ Preceptor Px Initial _____ Date _____ **Not to be performed on the same day. **			
SCENARIO (Write brief description)		Skill Rating: (2=Good; 1=Acceptable; 0=Poor) ___ Efficiency (performed skills in a timely manner) ___ Confidence level	
		Grading: ___ Earned / 48 = ___ % (must receive 80% or higher to "pass"; 38 or higher) ___ Pass ___ Fail	
		Additional Comments:	

ATTR 5241 – Clinical III
Circle: 1st 2nd 3rd attempt

Student: _____

Each component of the proficiency skill will receive a point value as follows:

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 5 = Performed correctly | 2 = Left out many components |
| 4 = Left out a component | 1 = Performed incorrectly |
| 3 = Performed partially | 0 = Not performed |

Clinical Examination & Diagnosis of the Lower Extremity

LEVEL I Clinical Proficiency: Standard 71, 75 Instructed: ATTR 5332 Initial Evaluation: ATTR 5132L	Final Preceptor Assessment	
	Setting performed: (check one) ___ SFA ATR ___ Practice ___ Game ___ Other _____	Delivery performed: (check one) ___ Real-time/Patient ___ Simulation
PRACTICES Week 1 ___ Peer Px Initial _____ Date _____ Week 2 ___ Preceptor Px Initial _____ Date _____ **Not to be performed on the same day. **	Skill Criteria:	Comments:
	1a. ___ History	
	1.b. ___ Inspection	
	1c. ___ ROM	
	1.d. ___ Palpation	
	1.e. ___ Special Tests	
	1.f. ___ Plan-Treatment/ Medication	
1.g. ___ SOAP Note		
SCENARIO (Write brief description)	Skill Rating: (2=Good; 1=Acceptable; 0=Poor) ___ Efficiency (performed skills in a timely manner) ___ Confidence level	
	Grading: ___ Earned / 39 = ___ % (must receive 80% or higher to "pass"; 31 or higher) ___ Pass ___ Fail	
	Additional Comments:	

DATE: _____ **STUDENT SIGNATURE:** _____

PRECEPTOR SIGNATURE: _____

Appendix F: National Athletic Trainers' Association Practice Domains and CAATE Competencies:

BOC-certified athletic trainers are educated, trained and evaluated in five major practice domains:

1. Injury and illness prevention and wellness promotion
2. Examination, assessment and diagnosis
3. Immediate and emergency care
4. Therapeutic intervention
5. Health care administration and professional responsibility

CAATE Educational Competencies (07.2024 iteration.), excerpt from 2020 CAATE Standards

Prerequisite Coursework and **Foundational Knowledge**

Standard 54 The **professional program** requires prerequisite classes in biology, chemistry, physics, psychology, anatomy, and physiology at the postsecondary level.

Annotation The program determines the classes that meets these standards and supports the program's curricular plan.

Additional prerequisite coursework may be required as determined by the program.

How to Address This Standard

- Describe how the program determines the classes that meet this standard and supports the program's curricular plan.
- Describe how the program ensures all students complete prerequisite coursework prior to matriculation in the **professional program**.

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- Curricular course sequence
- Program's policy regarding how prerequisite classes are evaluated

* Uploads: added bullet: "program's policy regarding how prerequisite classes are evaluated." Approved by Commission December 11, 2018

* How to Address This Standard: deleted "admission to" and replaced it with "matriculation in." The bullet will read "Describe how the program ensures all students complete prerequisite coursework prior to matriculation in the professional program." Approved by Commission June 11, 2019

Standard 55 Students must gain **foundational knowledge** in statistics, research design, epidemiology, pathophysiology, biomechanics and pathomechanics, exercise physiology, nutrition, human anatomy, pharmacology, public health, and health care delivery and payor systems.

Annotation **Foundational knowledge** areas can be incorporated as prerequisite coursework, as a component of the **professional program**, or both.

How to Address This Standard

- Describe how the program incorporates each of the **foundational knowledge** areas.
- If **foundational knowledge** is incorporated as prerequisite coursework, describe how the program determines that the content is sufficient for entry into the program.

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- Table of Courses that have **foundational knowledge** and criteria to determine successful completion of courses
- Curricular course sequence
- Course syllabi for all courses in the professional program that incorporate **foundational knowledge** areas

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The professional program content will prepare the graduate to do the following:

Standards 56-94:

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*How to Address This Standard: added bullet "List the objective(s) and/or the daily/weekly schedule from the course syllabi that are associated with this Standard (include the course prefix and course number with each objective.)" Approved by Commission June 11, 2019

Standards 56-94

*How to address This Standard: deleted bullets "List the objectives and/or daily/weekly schedule from the course syllabi that are associated with this Standard (include the course prefix and course number with each objective)." "Describe the learning experiences (didactic and athletic training clinical experience) associated with this standard and how student performance is assessed." "Provide examples (didactic and athletic training clinical experience) of outcome data used to verify an acceptable level of student performance."
Added bullets "Identify the courses and/or clinical education experiences where students gain learning opportunities associated with this standard and describe how each learning experience ensures students are prepared to perform the skills associated with the standards." "Describe how these learning experiences are assessed and provide example(s) of assessment tool(s) used." Approved by Commission April 4, 2022.

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Standard DEI 2

*How to address This Standard: deleted bullets “List the objectives and/or daily/weekly schedule from the course syllabi that are associated with this Standard (include the course prefix and course number with each objective).” “Describe the learning experiences (didactic and athletic training clinical experience) associated with this standard and how student performance is assessed.” “Provide examples (didactic and athletic training clinical experience) of outcome data used to verify an acceptable level of student performance.” Added bullets “Identify the courses and/or clinical education experiences where students gain learning opportunities associated with this standard and describe how each learning experience ensures students are prepared to perform the skills associated with the standards.” “Describe how these learning experiences are assessed and provide example(s) of assessment tool(s) used.” Approved by Commission May 10, 2022.

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Core Competencies

Core Competencies: **Patient-Centered Care**

Standard 56 **Advocate for the health needs of clients, patients, communities, and populations.**
Annotation *Advocacy encompasses activities that promote health and access to health care for individuals, communities, and the larger public.*

How to Address This Standard

- Identify the courses and/or clinical education experiences where students gain learning opportunities associated with this standard and describe how each learning experience ensures students are prepared to perform the skills associated with the standard.
- Describe how these learning experiences are assessed and provide example(s) of assessment tool(s) used.

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- Assessment tool(s) used to determine student level of performance, if applicable.

Standard 57 **Analyze the impact of **health literacy** and **social determinants of health** on patient care and outcomes to determine healthcare strategies that empower patients and improve outcomes.**

How to Address This Standard

- Identify the courses and/or clinical education experiences where students gain learning opportunities associated with this standard and describe how each learning experience ensures students are

prepared to perform the skills associated with the standard.

- Describe how these learning experiences are assessed and provide example(s) of assessment tool(s) used.

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- Assessment tool(s) used to determine student level of performance, if applicable.

*Standard updated to clarify DEI specific language. Implementation of this updated standard begins immediately, with required reporting in annual reports and self-studies beginning July 1, 2022. Approved by Commission May 11, 2021.

*Annotation removed. Approved by Commission on May 11, 2021

Standard 58 Incorporate patient education and self-care programs to engage patients and their families and friends to participate in their care and recovery.

How to Address This Standard

- Identify the courses and/or clinical education experiences where students gain learning opportunities associated with this standard and describe how each learning experience ensures students are prepared to perform the skills associated with the standard.
- Describe how these learning experiences are assessed and provide example(s) of assessment tool(s) used.

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- Assessment tool(s) used to determine student level of performance, if applicable.

Standard 59 Communicate effectively and appropriately with clients/patients, family members, coaches, administrators, other health care professionals, consumers, payors, policy makers, and others.

How to Address This Standard

- Identify the courses and/or clinical education experiences where students gain learning opportunities associated with this standard and describe how each learning experience ensures students are prepared to perform the skills associated with the standard.
- Describe how these learning experiences are assessed and provide example(s) of assessment tool(s) used.

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- Assessment tool(s) used to determine student level of performance, if applicable.

Standard 60 Use the **International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health (ICF) as a framework for delivery of patient care and communication about patient care.**

How to Address This Standard

- Identify the courses and/or clinical education experiences where

students gain learning opportunities associated with this standard and describe how each learning experience ensures students are prepared to perform the skills associated with the standard.

- Describe how these learning experiences are assessed and provide example(s) of assessment tool(s) used.

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- Assessment tool(s) used to determine student level of performance, if applicable.

Core Competencies: **Interprofessional Practice** and **Interprofessional Education**

Standard 61 Practice in collaboration with other health care and wellness professionals.

How to Address This Standard

- Identify the courses and/or clinical education experiences where students gain learning opportunities associated with this standard and describe how each learning experience ensures students are prepared to perform the skills associated with the standard.
- Describe how these learning experiences are assessed and provide example(s) of assessment tool(s) used.

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- Assessment tool(s) used to determine student level of performance, if applicable.

Core Competencies: **Evidence-Based Practice**

Standard 62 Provide athletic training services in a manner that uses evidence to inform practice.

*Annotation **Evidence-based practice** includes using best research evidence, clinical expertise, and patient values and circumstances to connect didactic content taught in the classroom to clinical decision making.*

How to Address This Standard

- Identify the courses and/or clinical education experiences where students gain learning opportunities associated with this standard and describe how each learning experience ensures students are prepared to perform the skills associated with the standard.
- Describe how these learning experiences are assessed and provide example(s) of assessment tool(s) used.

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- Assessment tool(s) used to determine student level of performance, if applicable.

Core Competencies: **Quality Improvement**

Standard 63 Use systems of **quality assurance and **quality improvement** to enhance client/patient care.**

How to Address This Standard

- Identify the courses and/or clinical education experiences where students gain learning opportunities associated with this standard and describe how each learning experience ensures students are prepared to perform the skills associated with the standard.
- Describe how these learning experiences are assessed and provide example(s) of assessment tool(s) used.

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- Assessment tool(s) used to determine student level of performance, if applicable.

Core Competencies: **Health Care Informatics**

Standard 64 Apply contemporary principles and practices of health informatics to the administration and delivery of patient care, including (but not limited to) the ability to do the following:

- **Use data to drive informed decisions**
- **Search, retrieve, and use information derived from online databases and internal databases for clinical decision support**
- **Maintain data privacy, protection, and data security**
- **Use medical classification systems (including International Classification of Disease codes) and terminology (including Current Procedural Terminology)**
- **Use an **electronic health record** to document, communicate, and manage health-related information; mitigate error; and support decision making.**

How to Address This Standard

- Identify the courses and/or clinical education experiences where students gain learning opportunities associated with this standard and describe how each learning experience ensures students are prepared to perform the skills associated with the standard.
- Describe how these learning experiences are assessed and provide example(s) of assessment tool(s) used.

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- Assessment tool(s) used to determine student level of performance, if applicable.

Core Competencies: **Professionalism**

Standard 65 Practice in a manner that is congruent with the ethical standards of the profession.

How to Address This Standard

- Identify the courses and/or clinical education experiences where students gain learning opportunities associated with this standard and describe how each learning experience ensures students are prepared to perform the skills associated with the standard.
- Describe how these learning experiences are assessed and provide example(s) of assessment tool(s) used.

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- Assessment tool(s) used to determine student level of performance, if applicable.

Standard 66 Practice health care in a manner that is compliant with the BOC Standards of Professional Practice and applicable institutional/organizational, local, state, and federal laws, regulations, rules, and guidelines. Applicable laws and regulations include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Requirements for physician direction and collaboration
- Mandatory reporting obligations
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
- Universal Precautions/OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standards
- Regulations pertaining to over-the-counter and prescription medications

How to Address This Standard

- Identify the courses and/or clinical education experiences where students gain learning opportunities associated with this standard and describe how each learning experience ensures students are prepared to perform the skills associated with the standard.
- Describe how these learning experiences are assessed and provide example(s) of assessment tool(s) used.

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- Assessment tool(s) used to determine student level of performance, if applicable.

Standard 67 Self-assess professional competence and create professional development plans according to personal and professional goals and requirements.

How to Address This Standard

- Identify the courses and/or clinical education experiences where students gain learning opportunities associated with this standard and describe how each learning experience ensures students are prepared to perform the skills associated with the standard.
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Standard 68 Advocate for the profession.

How to Address This Standard

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Patient/Client Care

Care Plan

Standard 69 Develop a care plan for each patient. The care plan includes (but is not limited to) the following:

- **Assessment of the patient on an ongoing basis and adjustment of care accordingly**
- **Collection, analysis, and use of patient-reported and clinician-rated outcome measures to improve patient care**
- **Consideration of the patient's goals and level of function in treatment decisions**
- **Discharge of the patient when goals are met, or the patient is no longer making progress**
- **Referral when warranted**

How to Address This Standard

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Standard 70 Evaluate and manage patients with acute conditions, including triaging conditions that are life threatening or otherwise emergent. These include (but are not limited to) the following conditions:

- Cardiac compromise (including emergency cardiac care, supplemental oxygen, suction, adjunct airways, nitroglycerine, and low-dose aspirin)
- Respiratory compromise (including use of pulse oximetry, adjunct airways, supplemental oxygen, spirometry, meter-dosed inhalers, nebulizers, and bronchodilators)
- Conditions related to the environment: lightning, cold, heat (including use of rectal thermometry)
- Cervical spine compromise
- Traumatic brain injury
- Internal and external hemorrhage (including use of a tourniquet and hemostatic agents)
- Fractures and dislocations (including reduction of dislocation)
- Anaphylaxis (including administering epinephrine using automated injection device)
- Exertional sickling, rhabdomyolysis, and hyponatremia
- Diabetes (including use of glucometer, administering glucagon, insulin)
- Drug overdose (including administration of rescue medications such as naloxone)
- Wounds (including care and closure)
- Testicular injury
- Other musculoskeletal injuries

How to Address This Standard

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Standard 71 Perform an examination to formulate a diagnosis and plan of care for patients with health conditions commonly seen in athletic training practice. This exam includes the following:

- Obtaining a medical history from the patient or other individual
- Identifying comorbidities and patients with complex medical conditions
- Assessing function (including gait)
- Selecting and using tests and measures that assess the following, as relevant to the patient's clinical presentation:
 - Cardiovascular system (including auscultation)
 - Endocrine system
 - Eyes, ears, nose, throat, mouth, and teeth
 - Gastrointestinal system

- Genitourinary system
- Integumentary system Mental status
- Musculoskeletal system
- Neurological system
- Pain level
- Reproductive system
- Respiratory system (including auscultation)
- Specific functional tasks
- **Evaluating all results to determine a plan of care, including referral to the appropriate provider when indicated**

How to Address This Standard

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Standard 72 Perform or obtain the necessary and appropriate diagnostic or laboratory tests—including (but not limited to) imaging, blood work, urinalysis, and electrocardiogram—to facilitate diagnosis, referral, and treatment planning.

How to Address This Standard

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Standard 73 Select and incorporate interventions (for pre-op patients, post-op patients, and patients with nonsurgical conditions) that align with the care plan. Interventions include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Therapeutic and corrective exercise
- Joint mobilization and manipulation
- Soft tissue techniques
- Movement training (including gait training)
- Motor control/proprioceptive activities
- Task-specific functional training
- Therapeutic modalities
- Home care management
- Cardiovascular training

How to Address This Standard

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Standard 74 Educate patients regarding appropriate pharmacological agents for the management of their condition, including indications, contraindications, dosing, interactions, and adverse reactions.

How to Address This Standard

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Standard 75 Administer medications or other therapeutic agents by the appropriate route of administration upon the order of a physician or other provider with legal prescribing authority.

How to Address This Standard

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Standard 76 Evaluate and treat a patient who has sustained a concussion or other brain injury, with consideration of established guidelines:

- **Performance of a comprehensive examination designed to recognize concussion or other brain injury, including (but not limited to) neurocognitive evaluation, assessment of the vestibular and vision systems, cervical spine**

involvement, mental health status, sleep assessment, exertional testing, nutritional status, and clinical interview

- **Re-examination of the patient on an ongoing basis**
- **Recognition of an atypical response to brain injury**
- **Implementation of a plan of care (addressing vestibular and oculomotor disturbance, cervical spine pain, headache, vision, psychological needs, nutrition, sleep disturbance, exercise, academic and behavioral accommodations, and risk reduction)**
- **Return of the patient to activity/participation**
- **Referral to the appropriate provider when indicated**

How to Address This Standard

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Standard 77 Identify, refer, and give support to patients with behavioral health conditions. Work with other health care professionals to monitor these patients' treatment, compliance, progress, and readiness to participate. These behavioral health conditions include (but are not limited to) the following:

- **Suicidal ideation**
- **Depression**
- **Anxiety Disorder**
- **Psychosis**
- **Mania**
- **Eating Disorders**
- **Attention Deficit Disorders**

How to Address This Standard

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*Annotation was moved to Standard. Annotation was deleted. Commission approved August 11, 2020

Standard 78 Select, fabricate, and/or customize prophylactic, assistive, and restrictive devices, materials, and techniques for incorporation into the plan of care, including the following:

- **Durable medical equipment**
- **Orthotic devices**
- **Taping, splinting, protective padding, and casting**

How to Address This Standard

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Prevention, Health Promotion, and Wellness

Standard 79 Standard 79 Develop and implement strategies to mitigate the risk for long-term health conditions across the lifespan.

These include (but are not limited to) the following conditions:

- **Adrenal diseases**
- **Cardiovascular disease**
- **Diabetes**
- **Neurocognitive disease**
- **Obesity**
- **Osteoarthritis**

How to Address This Standard

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Standard 80 Develop, implement, and assess the effectiveness of programs to reduce injury risk.

How to Address This Standard

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Standard 81 Plan and implement a comprehensive preparticipation examination process to affect health outcomes.

How to Address This Standard

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Standard 82 Develop, implement, and supervise comprehensive programs to maximize sport performance that are safe and specific to the client's activity.

How to Address This Standard

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Standard 83 Educate and make recommendations to clients/patients on fluids and nutrients to ingest prior to activity, during activity, and during recovery for a variety of activities and environmental conditions.

How to Address This Standard

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Standard 84 Educate clients/patients about the effects, participation consequences, and risks of misuse and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, performance-enhancing drugs/substances, and over the counter, prescription, and recreational drugs.

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Standard 85 Monitor and evaluate environmental conditions to make appropriate recommendations to start, stop, or modify activity in order to prevent environmental illness or injury.

How to Address This Standard

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Standard 86 Select, fit, and remove protective equipment to minimize the risk of injury or re-injury.

How to Address This Standard

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Standard 87 Select and use **biometrics** and **physiological monitoring systems** and translate the data into effective preventive measures, clinical interventions, and performance enhancement.

How to Address This Standard

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Health Care Administration

Standard 88 Perform administrative duties related to the management of physical, human, and financial resources in the delivery of health care services. These include (but are not limited to) the following duties:

- Strategic planning and assessment
- Managing a physical facility that is compliant with current standards and regulations
- Managing budgetary and fiscal processes
- Identifying and mitigating sources of risk to the individual, the organization, and the community
- Navigating multipayer insurance systems and classifications
- Implementing a model of delivery (for example, value-based care model)

How to Address This Standard

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Standard 89 Use a comprehensive patient-file management system (including diagnostic and procedural codes) for documentation of patient care and health insurance

management.

How to Address This Standard

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Standard 90 *Annotation*

Establish a working relationship with a directing or collaborating physician.

This standard is specific to preparing an athletic trainer to fulfill the Board of Certification Standards of Professional Practice, specifically Standard 1, “The Athletic Trainer renders service or treatment under the direction of, or in collaboration with a physician, in accordance with their training and the state’s statutes, rules and regulations.”¹

How to Address This Standard

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Standard 91 *Annotation*

Develop, implement, and revise policies and procedures to guide the daily operation of athletic training services.

Examples of daily operation policies include pharmaceutical management, physician referrals, and inventory management.

How to Address This Standard

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Standard 92

Develop, implement, and revise policies that pertain to prevention, preparedness, and response to medical emergencies and other critical incidents.

How to Address This Standard

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Standard 93 **Develop and implement specific policies and procedures for individuals who have sustained concussions or other brain injuries, including the following:**

- **Education of all stakeholders**
- **Recognition, appraisal, and mitigation of risk factors**
- **Selection and interpretation of baseline testing**
- **Agreement on protocols to be followed, including immediate management, referral, and progressive return to activities of daily living, including school, sport, occupation, and recreation**

How to Address This Standard

- Identify the courses and/or clinical education experiences where students gain learning opportunities associated with this standard and describe how each learning experience ensures students are prepared to perform the skills associated with the standard.
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Standard 94 **Develop and implement specific policies and procedures for the purposes of identifying patients with behavioral health problems and referring patients in crisis to qualified providers.**

How to Address This Standard

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SECTION IV: CURRICULAR CONTENT: New Standards

The dynamic nature of Athletic Training requires continuous evaluation and updating of the educational standards. This may require the addition of new standards. Space appears at the conclusion of each section, for the placement of new standards related to that section, as they are released and implemented. Standards appearing in these sections will be incorporated into the numbering sequence at set intervals.

Standard DEI 2	Standard DEI 2: Practice cultural competency, foster cultural humility, and <u>demonstrate</u> respect in client/patient care. This includes (but is not limited to) the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using contemporary nomenclature of various identities.• Analyzing the impact of group identification, including the intersectionality of multiple identities, on health disparities, patient care, and patient outcomes.• Analyzing the impact of marginalization on health disparities, patient care, and patient outcomes.• Developing strategies that minimize the impact of clinician-based bias, prejudice, and privilege on patient interactions.• Devising patient-centered interventions to diverse populations that account for the healthcare delivery system
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How to Address This Standard

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*Standard, Annotation, How to Address This Standard, and Uploads are new. Implementation of this standard begins immediately, with required reporting in annual reports and self-studies beginning July 1, 2022. Approved by Commission May 11, 2021.

Appendix G:

SCHOLARSHIPS

Please visit for application: <http://www.sfasu.edu/admissions-and-aid/financial-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships> to find the criteria for out-of-state fees to be waived if the recipient is awarded at least a \$1,000 scholarship.

1. **SFA Alumni Scholarships**

Visit: <https://sfasu.academicworks.com/>

2. Neill Post Memorial Graduate Athletic Trainers' Scholarship
Stephen F. Austin State University
Contact Linda Bobo, GATP Program Director

Eligibility Requirements

Application deadline, **February 1st** prior to the Fall semester of the same year, in order to award for the fall term

- Awarded for the Fall of 2nd academic year
- 2nd year Graduate Athletic Training Major
- Non-resident (of Texas) status
- 3.2 / 4.0 GPA
- Awarded annually to a new recipient
- Outstanding essay composition
- Voting by Neill Post Graduate Athletic Training Committee
- Dollar amount based on annual principal of endowment
- Notification provided at time of acceptance to Graduate Athletic Training Program

3. **Sandy Miller Leadership Award / Scholarship**

Stephen F. Austin State University

Eligibility Requirements

Application deadline, **February 1st** prior to the Fall semester of the same year, in order to award for the fall term

- Awarded for the Fall of academic year
- 2nd year Graduate Athletic Training Major
- 3.0/ 4.0 GPA
- Awarded annually to a new recipient
- Exemplary contribution to university, community, and/or professional service
- Voting by Graduate Athletic Training Scholarship Committee
- Dollar amount based on annual principal of endowment
- Notification provided during summer semester

4. **Dr. Hamp "John" Miller First Year GATP Scholarship**

Eligibility Requirements

Application deadline, **February 1st** prior to the Fall semester of the same year, in order to award for the fall term

- Awarded for the Fall of first / incoming academic year

- 1st year Graduate Athletic Training Major
- 3.3/ 4.0 Undergraduate GPA
- Awarded annually to a new recipient
- Exemplary contribution to university, community, and/or professional service
- Voting by Graduate Athletic Training Scholarship Committee
- Dollar amount based on annual principal of endowment
- Notification provided during summer semester

5. **The NATA Foundation provides approximately 70 scholarships annually, each for \$2,000.**

Eligibility Requirements

- **Be at least a junior in college**
- Have a minimum 3.2 GPA based on a 4.0
- Be sponsored by a certified athletic trainer
- Be a member of the NATA

Complete scholarship applications (including transcripts) must be postmarked by February 10th annually. Only applications mailed from the Foundation or downloaded from this page will be accepted.

<https://www.natafoundation.org/education/scholarships/>

6. **SWATA (TX + AR) District Scholarship**

Eligibility Requirements

- Have sophomore, junior or senior or graduate standing for the upcoming year and have
- Worked as a student athletic trainer on the collegiate level for a period of one year prior to application.
- Be enrolled in an academic degree track leading towards a career in athletic training.
- Have a grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 (4.0) scale.
- Not be on full athletic or academic scholarship.
- Have been a member of the N.A.T.A. Inc. and/or S.W.A.T.A. on or before January 1 prior to the year for which the application is applied.
- Not be a member of an intercollegiate sports team.
- The applicant **must include an unofficial transcript** with application to be considered.
- Apply [HERE](#).

7. **Texas State ATA Student Scholarship**

The Texas State Athletic Trainers' Association will award six (6) scholarships in the amount of \$750 to well deserving college students. The requirements for these scholarships are listed below, and they can be found on the scholarship form also.

- Must be an undergraduate student or non-credentialed (LAT) in a entry-level Masters student attending a Texas College/University.
- Must be an athletic training student and/or admitted into the athletic training program.
- Sponsoring athletic trainer must be a TSATA member by 4/30/2019.
- 3.0 minimum overall GPA and a 3.0 minimum curriculum GPA
- Must submit an unofficial transcript

- Must submit 3 letters of recommendation with one from the sponsoring athletic trainer and two from professors, administrators, coaches, advisors, or a character reference.
- Must be a full time student in good standing with the college or university.
- Must be pursuing a career in athletic training.
- Must complete and return the application, transcript, and letters of recommendation by 4/30/2019.
- Apply [HERE](#).

8. **Tylenol Scholarship**

The makers of TYLENOL® Family of Products will award **ten \$10,000 scholarships** and **150 \$1,000 scholarships** for higher education to students who demonstrate leadership in community activities and school activities and major or **who intend to major in areas that will lead to careers in health-related fields**, and are residents of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia.

Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible for a Tylenol® Scholarship, you must comply with the application checklist below. The Scholarship application becomes completely valid only when you have enclosed the following materials:

- ♦ Student Application
- ♦ Essay on Goals and Aspirations
- ♦ Name of the TYLENOL® Retailer where this application was obtained, if obtained from another source (online), indicate your favorite TYLENOL® retailer.

<https://www.tylenol.com/news/scholarship>

9. **Ruth Abernathy Scholarship through SHAPE**

Scholarships will be awarded to three undergraduate and two graduate students and presented at the Spring National Convention & Exposition. Undergraduate awards will be in the amount of \$1,250 each and graduate awards will be in the amount of \$1,750 each. Recipients will also receive a three-year SHAPE membership. Application materials for both awards are available on the SHAPE website. You can access this information [HERE](#).

Questions should be directed to Patti Hartle at phartle@shapeamerica.org.

10. **Bobby Gunn Student Leadership Award**

NATA has established the **Bobby Gunn Student Leadership Award** to recognize one of the true pioneers in athletic training -- and to give deserving students assistance in attending NATA's Annual Meeting.

Undergraduate or entry-level master's students **who are members of NATA and have never attended an NATA Annual Meeting before** are eligible to apply for this award. The award is a \$500 travel stipend to NATA's upcoming Annual Meeting in Anaheim,

CA. This stipend will be applied toward hotel, airfare and/or convention registration.

NATA aims to give up to one award per district (depending on deserving entrants), for a total of up to ten awards. Students applying for the Bobby Gunn Student Leadership Award will complete a one-page essay **and** a biographical form, both of which should be submitted to NATA electronically or via postal mail.

Go [HERE](#) for complete info and the application form.

11. **Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation**

4400 Falcon Parkway
Flowery Branch, GA 30542
to request a scholarship application

Eligibility Requirements

- 3.0 on 4.0 GPA;
- Awarded to undergraduate (must have completed at least 2 years of study) & graduate students
- \$5,000
- Notification: December 15, annually

12. **Professional Baseball Athletic Training Society (PBATS)**

ASMI Scholarship to attend a conference
Paul Demartinis Scholarship
Dr. Clarence Livingood (MD) Scholarship

Eligibility Requirements: Vary, but are open to athletic training students.

Go [HERE](#) for complete info and the application forms.

13. **FA Davis Publishing Help-to-Study Scholarship**

The F.A Davis Company will be rewarding three scholarships of the amount of \$1,000 each to outstanding students.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be currently pursuing one of the mentioned degrees or certifications: LPN/LVN, RN, BSN, RN-BSN, MSN, DNP, OT, OTA, OTD, PT, PTA, DPT, MLS, MLT, AT, MA, PA, CST, or any health science specialty.
- Must be enrolled for the spring semester 2020.
- Must have a good standing with a GPA of 3.0 or above.
- Must be a student in the U.S. or Canada such as a citizen, legal resident, or holder of a valid student visa

Go [HERE](#) for complete info and application process.

Application Deadline

The application will be not considered after 31st March

APPENDIX I:

GUIDELINES for TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ENTRY-LEVEL ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION PROGRAM

Part 1 - History and Rationale

The landmark Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, P.L. 101-336 (“ADA” or “the Act”), enacted on July 26, 1990, provides comprehensive civil rights protections to qualified individuals with disabilities. The ADA was modeled after Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which marked the beginning of equal opportunity for persons with disabilities. As amended, Section 504 “prohibits all programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance from discrimination against individuals with disabilities who are ‘otherwise qualified’ to participate in those programs.” With respect to post-secondary educational services, an “otherwise qualified” individual is a person with a disability “who meets the academic and technical standards requisite to admission or participation in the recipient's education program or activity.”

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title II and Title III are applicable to students with disabilities and their requests for accommodations. Title II covers state colleges and universities. Title III pertains to private educational institutions; it prohibits discrimination based on disability in places of “public accommodation,” including undergraduate and postgraduate schools.

Given the intent of Section 504 and the ADA, the development of standards of practice for a profession, and the establishment of essential requirements to the student's program of study, or directly related to licensing requirements, is allowable under these laws. In applying Section 504 regulations, which require individuals to meet the “academic and technical standards for admission,” the Supreme Court has stated that physical qualifications could lawfully be considered “technical standard(s) for admission.”

Institutions may not, however, exclude an “otherwise qualified” applicant or student merely because of a disability, if the institution can reasonably modify its program to accommodate the applicant or student with a disability. However, an institution need not provide accommodations or modify its program of study or such that (a) would “fundamentally alter” and/or (b) place an “undue burden on” the educational program or academic requirements and technical standards which are essential to the program of study.

Part 2 - Use of the Guidelines

The following Guidelines embody the physical, cognitive, and attitudinal abilities an Entry-Level Athletic Trainer must be able to demonstrate in order to function in a broad variety of clinical situations; and to render a wide spectrum of care to athletes and individuals engaged in physical activity. The Guidelines serve to recognize abilities essential to the development of these Entry-Level abilities. Further, the Guidelines reflect the necessary and required skills and abilities identified for the Entry-Level Athletic Trainer as detailed in the NATA Athletic Training Educational Competencies and the BOC, Inc., Role Delineation Study.

Institutions and programs should use these Guidelines as a reference point in the development of specific requirements, “technical standards,” for admission to, and completion of, their educational program. Requirements should be objective, measurable, and should be applied to student admission to the program.

Institutions and programs should provide their students with the applicable technical standards in a timely fashion. This could be prior to admission to the institution (for those programs that admit students directly to the program) or soon after the student has entered the institution (for those programs that admit students through a secondary admission process).

While technical standards should be applied to student admission to the institution and/or program, some programs may, additionally, apply technical standards as the student moves through the program, and/or use technical standards as a measure of the student's attainment of criteria for graduation.

Entry-Level Athletic Training Education Programs must contact and work with their institution's ADA Compliance Officer, Office of Affirmative Action, or appropriate institutional office in the development and implementation of technical standards specific to their institution. This document is only intended as a guide or reference point for the development and implementation of technical standards. The ADA Compliance Officer (or appropriate person) at your institution is a valuable resource in the development and implementation of technical standards. It is strongly encouraged that programs not develop and implement technical standards without this important advice and counsel.

Part 3 - Sample Technical Standards

The following sample technical standards are presented in three sections. The introduction explains the rationale for the technical standards and how they may be used by the program. The main section includes the technical standards. The final section includes a statement that the student has read the technical standards and, by their signature, acknowledges an understanding of the implications of the standards.

Institutions and programs should use these sample technical standards as a reference point in the development of more detailed and/or specific standards for their program. Compliance with technical standards does not guarantee a student's eligibility for the BOC certification exam.

ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION

The Graduate Athletic Training Educational Program at Stephen F. Austin State University is a rigorous and intense program that places specific requirements and demands on the students enrolled in the program. An objective of this program is to prepare graduates to enter a variety of employment settings and to render care to a wide spectrum of individuals engaged in physical activity. The technical standards set forth by the Athletic Training Educational Program establish the essential qualities considered necessary for students admitted to this program to achieve the knowledge, skills, and competencies of an entry-level athletic trainer, as well as meet the expectations of the program's accrediting agency (Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education [CAATE]). The following abilities and expectations must be met by all students admitted to the Graduate Athletic Training Program. In the event a student is unable to fulfill these technical standards, with or without reasonable accommodation, the student will not be admitted into the program.

Compliance with the program's technical standards does not guarantee a student's eligibility for the BOC certification exam.

Candidates for selection to the Graduate Athletic Training Program must demonstrate:

1. The mental capacity to assimilate, analyze, synthesize, integrate concepts and problem solve to formulate assessment and therapeutic judgments and to be able to distinguish deviations from the norm.
2. Sufficient postural and neuromuscular control, sensory function, and coordination to perform appropriate physical examinations using accepted techniques; and accurately, safely and efficiently use equipment and materials during the assessment and treatment of patients.
3. The ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with patients and colleagues, including individuals from different cultural and social backgrounds; this includes, but is not limited to, the ability to establish rapport with patients and communicate judgments and treatment information effectively. Students must be able to understand and speak the English language at a level consistent with competent professional practice.
4. The ability to record the physical examination results and a treatment plan clearly and accurately.
5. The capacity to maintain composure and continue to function well during periods of high stress.
6. The perseverance, diligence and commitment to complete the athletic training education program as outlined and sequenced.
7. Flexibility and the ability to adjust to changing situations and uncertainty in clinical situations.
8. Affective skills and appropriate demeanor and rapport that relate to professional education and quality patient care.
9. **This will be re-evaluated (by a physician employed by SFA) for each academic year the student is enrolled in the curriculum and maintained in the student's file in the program director's office**

TECHNICAL STANDARDS FORM

Candidates for selection to the Graduate athletic training program will be required to verify they understand and meet these technical standards or that they believe that, with certain accommodations, they can meet the standards.

The Disability Services department will evaluate a student who states he/she could meet the program's technical standards with accommodation and confirm that the stated condition qualifies as a disability under applicable laws.

If a student states he/she can meet the technical standards with accommodation, then the University will determine whether it agrees that the student can meet the technical standards with reasonable accommodation; this includes a review of whether the accommodations requested are reasonable, taking into account whether accommodation would jeopardize clinician/patient safety, or the educational process of the student or the institution, including all coursework, clinical

experiences and internships deemed essential to graduation.

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards for selection listed above, and I believe to the best of my knowledge that I meet each of these standards without accommodation. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards I will not be admitted into the program.

Signature of Applicant

Date

ONLY SIGN THE ONE SECTION THAT IS APPLICABLE TO YOU, THE APPLICANT.

Alternative statement for students **requesting accommodations.**

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards of selection listed above and I believe to the best of my knowledge that I can meet each of these standards with certain accommodations. I will contact the Disability Services department to determine what accommodations may be available. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards with or without accommodations, I will not be admitted into the program.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Health Care Provider Signature

Date

APPENDIX J: TEXAS ATHLETIC TRAINING PRACTICE ACT



ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Administrative Rules of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation 16 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 110 (Effective September 12, 2024)

§110.12 Scope of Practice

- (a) A licensed athletic trainer practices a form of health care defined as "athletic training" within the scope of the person's license and pursuant to §451.001(3) of the Act, under the direction of a physician licensed in this state or another qualified, licensed health professional who is authorized to refer for health care services within the scope of the person's license. "Athletic training" consists of:
- (1) managing the risk of an athletic injury or illness;
 - (2) preventing an athletic injury or illness;
 - (3) assessing an athletic injury or illness;
 - (4) providing immediate emergency care;
 - (5) providing therapeutic intervention for an athletic injury; and
 - (6) reconditioning an athletic injury or illness.
- (b) The activities listed in subsection (c)(1) - (7) may be performed in any setting authorized by a licensed physician and may include, but not be limited to, an educational institution, professional or amateur athletic organization, an athletic facility, or a health care facility.
- (c) Services provided by a licensed athletic trainer may include, but are not limited to:
- (1) planning and implementing a comprehensive athletic injury and illness prevention program;
 - (2) conducting an initial assessment of an athlete's injury or illness and formulating an impression of the injury or illness in order to provide emergency or continued care and referral to a physician for definitive diagnosis and treatment, if appropriate;
 - (3) administering first aid and emergency care for acute athletic injuries and illnesses;
 - (4) coordinating, planning, and implementing a comprehensive rehabilitation program for athletic injuries;
 - (5) coordinating, planning, and supervising all administrative components of an athletic training or sports medicine program;
 - (6) providing health care information and counseling athletes; and
 - (7) conducting research and providing instruction on subject matter related to athletic training or sports medicine.
- (d) A licensee shall not provide health care services which are not within the definition of "athletic training" in the Act except in accordance with state and federal laws and rules applicable to the provided services including, but not limited to, Occupations Code, Chapter 157, relating to a physician's delegated authority; other licensure laws; and laws relating to the possession and distribution of controlled substances.

§110.21 License Requirements

- (a) Applicants qualifying under the Act, §451.153(a)(1), shall have:
- (1) a baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate degree, which includes at least 24 hours of combined academic credit from each of the following course areas:
 - (A) human anatomy and human physiology;
 - (B) health, disease, nutrition, fitness, wellness, emergency care, first aid, or drug and alcohol education;
 - (C) kinesiology or biomechanics;
 - (D) physiology of exercise;
 - (E) athletic training, sports medicine, or care and prevention of injuries;
 - (F) advanced athletic training, advanced sports medicine, or assessment of injury; and
 - (G) therapeutic exercise, therapeutic rehabilitation, or therapeutic modalities; and
 - (2) an apprenticeship in athletic training meeting the following requirements:
 - (A) the program shall be under the direct supervision of and on the same campus as a Texas licensed

- athletic trainer, or if out-of-state, the college or university's certified or state licensed athletic trainer;
- (B) the apprenticeship must be a minimum of 1,800 hours. It must be based on the academic calendar and must be completed during at least five fall and/or spring semesters. Hours in the classroom do not count toward apprenticeship hours;
- (C) the hours must be completed in college or university intercollegiate sports programs. A maximum of 600 hours of the 1,800 hours may be accepted from an affiliated setting which the college or university's athletic trainer has approved. An affiliated setting may be any setting where athletic training takes place. No more than 300 hours may be earned at one affiliated setting. These hours must be under the direct supervision of a licensed physician, licensed or certified athletic trainer, or licensed physical therapist;
- (D) 1,500 hours of the apprenticeship shall be fulfilled while enrolled as a student at a college or university; and
- (E) the apprenticeship must offer work experience in a variety of sports. It shall include instruction by a certified or state-licensed athletic trainer in prevention of injuries, emergency care, rehabilitation, modality usage, administrative management, and assessment of injuries.

(b) In place of the requirements in subsection (a), applicants qualifying under the Act, §451.153(a)(1) shall hold a baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate degree and one of the following:

- (1) current licensure, registration, or certification as an athletic trainer issued by another state, jurisdiction, or territory of the United States; or
- (2) current national certification as an athletic trainer issued by the Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC).

(c) Applicants qualifying under the Act, §451.153(a)(2), shall have a baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate degree or a state-issued certificate in physical therapy. Applicants who hold such degrees must complete three semester hours of a basic athletic training course from an accredited college or university. An applicant shall also complete an apprenticeship in athletic training meeting the following requirements.

- (1) The program shall be a minimum of 720 hours. It must be based on the academic calendar and must be completed during at least three fall and/or spring semesters. The hours must be under the direct supervision of a college or university's Texas licensed athletic trainer or if out-of-state, the college or university's certified or state-licensed athletic trainer. The apprenticeship includes a minimum of 360 hours per year. Hours in the classroom do not count toward apprenticeship hours.
- (2) A semester includes pre-season practice sessions. The apprenticeship must offer work experience in a variety of sports.
- (3) The apprenticeship must be completed in a college or university's intercollegiate sports program. A maximum of 240 hours of the 720 hours may be earned at an affiliated setting which the college or university's athletic trainer has approved. An affiliated setting may be any setting where athletic training takes place. No more than 120 hours may be earned at one affiliated setting.

(d) In place of the requirements in subsections (a) and (b), an applicant qualifying under the Act, §451.153(a)(1), shall have a baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate degree in athletic training from a college or university, which held accreditation, during the applicant's matriculation at the college or university and at the time the degree was conferred, from a nationally recognized accrediting organization that is approved by the department.

(e) Certification required. An applicant must have:

- (1) current certification in the techniques of professional rescuer cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator; or
- (2) current certification for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) with the Department of State Health Services or its successor agency.

(f) Each applicant must have a baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate degree from a college or university, which held accreditation, at the time the degree was conferred, from a regional educational accrediting association that is approved by the department.

(g) The relevance to the licensing requirements of academic courses, the titles of which are not self-explanatory, must be substantiated through course descriptions in official school catalogs or bulletins or by other means acceptable to the department.

(h) The department shall not accept courses, which an applicant's transcript indicates, were not completed with a passing grade for credit.

APPENDIX K: [CAATE 2020 Standards Version](#) - Glossary

Glossary

Academic year: Customary annual period of sessions at an institution. The academic year is defined by the institution.

Action plan for correction of BOC examination pass-rate deficiency:

- A. A review and analysis of the program's previously submitted action plans. This should include
 1. any assessment data used to evaluate the previous action plan,
 2. a discussion of strategies that have and have not worked, and
 3. any revisions that have been made to the previous action plan based on subsequent assessment data.
- B. Analysis of the program's current BOC examination pass rate (for the most recent three years) and progress toward compliance, including
 1. the number of students enrolled in the program in each of the past three years,
 2. the number of students who have attempted the exam in each of the past three years,
 3. the cohort-by-cohort first-time pass rate for each of the past three exam cohorts, and
 4. the three-year aggregate first-time pass rate for each of the past three years.
- C. Projection for the program's anticipated exam outcomes for next year.

This is an analysis of how well the program believes its new action plan (see below) will improve exam performance for the next exam cohort and how they expect this to affect their three-year aggregate first-time pass rate in the next year. The analysis must include

 1. an analysis of the number of students expected to take the exam in the next year, based on current enrollment;
 2. a conservative estimated annual first-time pass rate for the upcoming year, given the steps outlined in the action plan (see below) and current student potential;
 3. a conservative estimated three-year aggregate first-time pass rate for the upcoming year, based on the projection provided (see above); and
 4. a narrative discussing the likelihood that the program will come into compliance with Standard 6 in the next year, given the data provided in C.1, C.2, and C.3 above.

The action plan, developed as part of the analytic progress report, must include all of the elements identified in Standard 5. These include

1. developing targeted goals and action plans to achieve the desired outcomes,
2. stating the timelines for reaching the outcomes, and
3. identifying the person or persons responsible for each element of the action plan.
4. Updating the elements of the action plan as they are met or as circumstances change.

Affiliation agreement: A formal agreement between the program's institution and a facility where the program wants to send its students for course-related and required off-campus **clinical education**. This agreement defines the roles and responsibilities of the host site, the affiliate, and the student. See also **Memorandum of understanding**.

Assessment plan: A description of the process used to evaluate the extent to which the program is meeting its stated educational **mission, goals, and outcomes**. The assessment plan involves the collection of information from a variety of sources and must incorporate assessment of the quality of instruction (didactic and clinical), quality of **clinical education**, student learning, readiness for independent practice, and overall program effectiveness. The formal assessment plan must also include the required student achievement measures identified in Standard 4. The assessment plan is part of the **framework**.

*Added student readiness for independent practice and changed Standard 5 to Standard 4. Effective July 1, 2024. Approved by the Commission on August 8, 2023.

Athletic trainer: Health care professionals who render service or treatment, under the direction of or in collaboration with a **physician**, in accordance with their education and training and the state's statutes, rules, and regulations. As a part of the health care team, services provided by athletic trainers include primary care, injury and illness prevention, wellness promotion and education, emergent care, examination and clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention, and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions. An athletic trainer is state credentialed (in states with regulation), certified, and in good standing with the Board of Certification.

*Added 'An athletic trainer is state credentialed (in states with regulation), certified and in good standing with the Board of Certification' to the definition; approved by Commission on February 1, 2019

Athletic training clinical experiences: Direct client/patient care guided by a **preceptor** who is an **athletic trainer** or **physician**. Athletic training clinical experiences are used to verify students' abilities to meet the curricular content standards. When direct client/patient care opportunities are not available, **simulation** may be used for this verification. Simulation may be facilitated by a preceptor in a clinical environment or may be completed in a class environment when directed by a faculty member. See *also* **Clinical education**.

*Definition added; approved by Commission on June 12, 2018

*Sentence added: "Simulation may be facilitated by a preceptor in a clinical environment or may be completed in a class environment when directed by a faculty member." Approved by Commission on March 9, 2021

Benchmark: A standard set by the program, that indicates the level of achievement of an outcome. For Overall pass rate on the BOC certification exam, Graduate placement rate, and Program graduation rate, the CAATE has determined a minimum level that program benchmarks must be set at or above.

*Added definition of Benchmark. Effective July 1, 2024. Approved by Commission on August 8, 2023.

Biometrics: Measurement and analysis of physical characteristics and activity.

Clinical education: A broad umbrella term that includes three types of learning opportunities to prepare students for independent clinical practice: **athletic training clinical experiences**, **simulation**, and **supplemental clinical experiences**.

Clinical site: A facility where a student is engaged in clinical education.

Contemporary expertise: Knowledge and training of current concepts and best practices in routine areas of athletic training, which can include prevention and wellness, urgent and emergent care, primary care, orthopedics, rehabilitation, behavioral health, pediatrics, and performance enhancement. Contemporary expertise is achieved through mechanisms such as advanced education, clinical practice experiences, clinical research, other forms of scholarship, and continuing education. It may include specialization in one or more of the identified areas of athletic training practice. An individual's role within the athletic training program should be directly related to the person's contemporary expertise.

Core faculty: Core faculty members are involved in meeting the day to day needs of the program, including but not limited to teaching athletic training courses, advising, and mentoring athletic training students, engaging in scholarship, and fulfilling other roles and responsibilities as assigned by the Program Director. Core faculty must have faculty status, rights, responsibilities, privileges, and voting rights as defined by the institution. Core faculty report to, are evaluated by, and are assigned responsibilities by the administrator (chair or dean), in consultation with the program director, of the academic unit in which the program is housed. A core faculty member must be an **athletic trainer** or **physician**.

*Added last sentence 'A core faculty member must be an athletic trainer or physician' to the definition; approved by

Commission on February 1, 2019

*Clarified the intent of the definition. Approved by the Commission on November 8, 2022.

Cultural competency: the ability of both providers and systems to provide care to patients with diverse values, beliefs and behaviors, including tailoring delivery to meet patients' social, cultural, and linguistic needs.^{2,3}

*Added definition of cultural competency; approved by Commission on May 11, 2021.

Cultural humility: A lifelong process of self-reflection and self-critique by which an individual willingly interacts with diverse individuals and not only learns about the cultures of others, but also examines their own beliefs and cultural identities to create an environment of empowerment, respect, and optimal care for all. Cultural humility includes sensitivity to historical realities of marginalization, violence, and oppression against certain groups.^{4,5}

*Added definition of cultural humility; approved by Commission on May 11, 2021.

Durable medical equipment: Equipment that can withstand repeated use, is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose, is generally not useful to a person in the absence of an illness or injury, and is appropriate for use in the home.⁶

Electronic health record: A real-time, patient-centered, and HIPAA-compliant digital version of a patient's paper chart that can be created and managed by authorized providers across more than one health care organization.

Evidence-based practice: The conscientious, explicit, and judicious use of current best evidence in making decisions about the care of an individual patient. The practice of evidence-based medicine involves the integration of individual clinical expertise with the best available external clinical evidence from systematic research. Evidence-based practice involves the integration of best research evidence with clinical expertise and patient values and circumstances to make decisions about the care of individual patients.⁷

Faculty: See [Core faculty](#); [Program Faculty](#).

*Deleted adjunct faculty and associated faculty. Added Program Faculty. Effective July 1, 2024. Approved by the Commission on August 8, 2023.

First-time pass rate on the Board of Certification examination: The percentage of students who take the Board of Certification examination and pass it on the first attempt. Programs must post the following data for the past three years on their website: the number of students graduating from the program who took the examination; the number and percentage of students who passed the examination on the first attempt; and the overall number and percentage of students who passed the examination, regardless of the number of attempts.

Foundational knowledge: Content that serves as the basis for applied learning in an athletic training curriculum.

Framework: A description of essential program elements and how they're connected, including core principles, strategic planning, curricular design (for example, teaching and learning methods), curricular planning and sequencing, and the [assessment plan](#) (including [goals](#) and outcome measures).

Goals: Specific statements of educational intention that describe what must be achieved for a program to meet its [mission](#).

Graduate placement rate: Percentage of students within six months of graduation who have obtained positions in the following categories: employed as an athletic trainer, employed as other, and not employed. Programs must include a link from the program's homepage to the "CAATE Program Information and Outcomes" web page.

*Deleted: Programs must post the following data for the past three years on their website: the number of students who graduated from the program, the number and percentage of students employed as an athletic trainer, the number and percentage of students employed as other, and the number and percentage of students not employed. Effective July 1, 2024. Approved by the Commission August 8, 2024.

*Added: Programs must include a link from the program's homepage to the "CAATE Program Information and Outcomes" web page. Effective July 1, 2024. Approved by the Commission August 8, 2024.

Health care providers: Individuals who hold a current credential to practice the discipline in the state and whose discipline provides direct patient care in a field that has direct relevancy to the practice and discipline of athletic training. These individuals may or may not hold formal appointments to the instructional faculty.

Health care informatics: The interdisciplinary study of the design, development, adoption, and application of information-technology-based innovations in the delivery, management, and planning of health care services.⁸

Health literacy: The degree to which an individual has the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services in order to make appropriate health decisions.⁹

Identities: identities that include but are not limited to: race; ethnicity; religion; national origin; age; marital status; disabilities/ability; sexual orientation; **sex**; gender; gender identity and expression; socioeconomic status; religion/spirituality; political affiliation; literacy/health literacy.

**Added definition of identifies; approved by Commission on May 11, 2021.*

Immersive clinical experience: A practice-intensive experience that allows the student to experience the totality of care provided by **athletic trainers**.

Innovation: A strategic and intentional process used for identifying, implementing, and measuring new or enhanced initiatives that advance program quality and/or learner achievement.

**Added: Definition of Innovation. Effective July 1, 2024. Approved by the Commission August 8, 2024.*

International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health (ICF): A conceptual model that provides a framework for clinical practice and research. The ICF is the preferred model for the athletic training profession.¹⁰

Interprofessional education: When students from two or more professions learn about, from, and with each other to enable effective collaboration and improve health outcomes.¹¹

Interprofessional practice: The ability to interact with, and learn with and from, other health professionals in a manner that optimizes the quality of care provided to individual patients.

Medical director: Currently licensed allopathic or osteopathic **physician** who is certified by an ABMS- or AOA-approved specialty board and who serves as a resource regarding the program's medical content.

Memorandum of understanding: Document describing a bilateral agreement between parties. This document generally lacks the binding power of a contract.

Mission: A formal summary of the aims and values of an institution or organization, college/division, department, or program.

Outcomes: Indicators of achievement that may be quantitative or qualitative.

Overall pass rate on the Board of Certification Examination: The percentage of students who take the Board of Certification examination and pass it, regardless of the number of attempts. Programs must include a link from the program's homepage to the "CAATE program information and Outcomes" web page.

**Added: Definition of Overall pass rate on the Board of Certification Examination. Effective July 1, 2024. Approved by the Commission August 8, 2024.*

Patient-centered care: Care that is respectful of, and responsive to, the preferences, needs, and values of an individual patient, ensuring that patient values guide all clinical decisions. Patient-centered care is characterized by efforts to clearly inform, educate, and communicate with patients in a compassionate manner. Shared decision making and management are emphasized, as well as continuous advocacy of injury and disease prevention measures and the promotion of a healthy lifestyle.¹²

Physician: Health care provider licensed to practice allopathic or osteopathic medicine.

Physiological monitoring systems: Ongoing measurement of a physiological characteristic. Examples include heart rate monitors, pedometers, and accelerometers.

Preceptor: Preceptors supervise and engage students in clinical education. All preceptors must be licensed health care professionals and be credentialed by the state in which they practice. Preceptors who are **athletic trainers** are state credentialed (in states with regulation), certified, and in good standing with the Board of Certification. A preceptor's licensure must be appropriate to his or her profession. Preceptors must not be currently enrolled in the professional athletic training program at the institution. Preceptors for athletic training clinical experiences identified in Standards 14 through 18 must be **athletic trainers** or **physicians**.

Professionalism: Relates to personal qualities of honesty, reliability, accountability, patience, modesty, and self-control. It is exhibited through delivery of **patient-centered care**, participation as a member of an interdisciplinary team, commitment to continuous **quality improvement**, ethical behavior, a respectful demeanor toward all

persons, compassion, a willingness to serve others, and sensitivity to the concerns of diverse patient populations.¹³

Professional preparation: The preparation of a student who is in the process of becoming an athletic trainer (AT). Professional education culminates with eligibility for Board of Certification (BOC) certification and appropriate state credentialing.

Professional program: The graduate-level coursework that instructs students on the knowledge, skills, and clinical experiences necessary to become an athletic trainer, spanning a minimum of two **academic years**.

Professional socialization: Process by which an individual acquires the attitudes, values and ethics, norms, skills, and knowledge of a subculture of a health care profession.¹⁴

Program graduation rate: Measures the progress of students who began their studies as full-time degree-seeking students by showing the percentage of these students who complete their degree within 150% of "normal time" for completing the program in which they are enrolled. Programs must include a link from the program's homepage to the "CAATE Program Information and Outcomes" web page

*Deleted: The program must post the following data for the past three years on their website: the number of students admitted to the program, the number of students who graduated, and the percentage of students who graduated. Effective July 1, 2024. Approved by the Commission August 8, 2024.

*Added: Program must include a link from the program's homepage to the "CAATE Program Information and Outcomes" web page. Effective July 1, 2024. Approved by the Commission August 8, 2024.

post the following data for the past three years on their website: the number of students admitted to the program, the number of students who graduated, and the percentage of students who graduated.

Program faculty: Includes all faculty members who are involved in the design and/or delivery of the professional athletic training program, regardless of their employment classification.

*Added definition. Approved by Commission on November 8, 2022.

Program personnel: All program faculty and support staff involved with the **professional program**.

*Deleted "core, affiliated, and adjunct." Approved by Commission on November 8, 2022.

Program retention rate: Measures the percentage of students who have enrolled in the **professional program** who return to the institution to continue their studies in the program the following **academic year**. Programs must post the following data for the past three years on their website: the number of students who enrolled in the program, the number of students returning for each subsequent academic year, and the percentage of students returning for each subsequent academic year.

Quality assurance: Planned and systematic process for ensuring acceptable levels of quality are maintained.

*Revised definition from "Systematic process of assessment to ensure that a service is meeting a desired level." Effective July 1, 2024. Approved by the Commission August 8, 2024.

Quality improvement: A structured data-driven process to evaluate systems and outcomes that include identification of areas for the improvement, selection, and implementation of measurable changes, and analysis of changes to ensure progression towards established benchmarks. Successful quality improvement efforts are a continual process that leads to measurable improvement over time.

*Revised definition from "Systematic and continuous actions that result in measurable improvement in health care services and in the health status of targeted patient groups."¹⁵ Quality improvement includes identifying errors and hazards in care; understanding and implementing basic safety design principles such as standardization and simplification; continually understanding and measuring quality of care in terms of structure, process, and outcomes in relation to patient and community needs; and designing and testing interventions to change processes and systems of care, with the objective of improving quality.¹⁶ Effective July 1, 2024. Approved by the Commission August 8, 2024.

Scholarship: Scholarly contributions that are broadly defined in four categories.¹⁷

- Scholarship of discovery* contributes to the development or creation of new knowledge.
- Scholarship of integration* contributes to the critical analysis and review of knowledge within disciplines or the creative synthesis of insights contained in different disciplines or fields of study.
- Scholarship of application/practice* applies findings generated through the scholarship of integration or discovery to solve real problems in the professions, industry, government, and the community.
- Scholarship of teaching* contributes to the development of critically reflective knowledge associated with teaching and learning.

Social justice: Social justice in healthcare is recognizing that equitable healthcare, which encompasses access to and quality of care, is a fundamental right and that healthcare providers promote fair treatment so that disparities are eliminated.

*Add definition of social justice; approved by Commission on May 11, 2021.

Simulation: An educational technique, not a technology, to replace or amplify real experiences with guided experiences that evoke or replicate substantial aspects of the real world in a fully interactive manner.¹⁸

Simulation may be facilitated by a preceptor in a clinical environment or may be completed in a class environment when directed by a faculty member. *See also* **Clinical education**.

*Sentence added: "Simulation may be facilitated by a preceptor in a clinical environment or may be completed in a class environment when directed by a faculty member." Approved by Commission on March 9, 2021.

Social determinants of health: The conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work, and age. These circumstances are shaped by the distribution of money, power, and resources at global, national, and local levels.¹⁹

Socioeconomic status: The social standing or class of an individual or group, frequently measured in terms of education, income, and occupation. Socioeconomic status has been linked to inequities in access to resources, and it affects psychological and physical health, education, and family well-being.²⁰

Student readiness for independent practice: Having the knowledge, skills, and judgment required to successfully perform their roles as an athletic trainer. Measures of student readiness for independent practice are selected by the program.

*Added definition of Student readiness for independent practice. Effective July 1, 2024, Approved by Commission on August 8, 2023.

Supervision: Supervision occurs along a developmental continuum that allows a student to move from interdependence to independence based on the student's knowledge and skills as well as the context of care. **Preceptors** must be onsite and have the ability to intervene on behalf of the athletic training student and the

patient. Supervision also must occur in compliance with the state practice act of the state in which the student is engaging in client/patient care. If the patient/client care is occurring via **telehealth** or **telemedicine**, the preceptor must concurrently monitor the patient/client care through appropriate telecommunication technology.

**Added last sentence "If the patient/client care is occurring via telehealth or telemedicine, the preceptor must concurrently monitor the patient/client care through appropriate telecommunication technology" to the definition; approved by Commission on October 16, 2020*

Supplemental clinical experiences: Learning opportunities supervised by **health care providers** other than **athletic trainers** or **physicians**. See *also* **Clinical education**.

**Definition added; approved by Commission on June 12, 2018*

Technical standards: The physical and mental skills and abilities of a student needed to fulfill the academic and clinical requirements of the program. The standards promote compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and must be reviewed by institutional legal counsel.

Telehealth: Telehealth is an umbrella term that encompasses the use of telecommunication technology for non-clinical health-related purposes. Some uses of telehealth include enhancing and supporting clinical services and providing individual or public health education.

**Definition added; approved by Commission on October 16, 2020*

Telemedicine: Telemedicine involves the delivery of patient/client care remotely using appropriate information and communication technologies. Patient/client care provided via telemedicine must occur in compliance with all local, state, and federal laws.

**Definition added; approved by Commission on October 16, 2020*

Value-based care models: Health care delivery system focused on the value of care delivered rather than on a fee-for-services approach.²¹

APPENDIX L: Board of Certification, Inc. Exam Reference



2025-2026 Exam References

The reference list below represents the materials used to support exam items during the March 2024 to February 2025 exam year, as determined by the subject matter experts of the BOC Exam Development Committee (EDC). Every item is referenced twice to ensure a consensus exists on each item. Please note that a specific “edition” and “year” for each reference is not included in the list for the purpose of simplification. During the exam development process, the BOC uses the most current edition of a reference when constructing items.

<https://7f6907b2.flowpaper.com/202526ExamReferences/ - page=1>

APPENDIX M:

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE POLICY

A Communicable Disease is carried by microorganisms and can be transmitted through people, animals, surfaces, foods, or air. They often rely on fluid exchange, contaminated substances, or close contact to travel from an infected carrier to a healthy individual. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov) has identified the following as common communicable diseases:

- Conjunctivitis (Pink eye)
- Diphtheria (upper respiratory infection)
- Herpes simplex
- Meningococcal infections
- Pertussis (Whooping cough)
- Streptococcal infection
- Zoster
- Enteroviral infections
- Mumps
- Rubella
- Cytomegalovirus infections
- Tuberculosis
- Viral infections
- Varicella

Throughout the time here as an athletic training student there will be instances while participating with clinical experiences, that an ATS will be ill or deemed to have a communicable disease. This policy has been developed to identify those instances and to delineate appropriate action when they occur. This policy will assist in ensuring the safety of the patient/clients, preceptor, and the student.

If an ATS believes to have a Communicable Disease, the following procedures should occur:

1. The ATS should notify the preceptor and Coordinator of Clinical Education and/or Program Director before being absent from a clinical experience.
2. The ATS should immediately report to SFA's Student Health Services or local physician for evaluation. ATS **may not** utilize the team physician during athletic sick call for a suspected illness.
3. If an ATS suspects having a communicable disease, patient care should not be provided until the signs and symptoms resolve, particularly if the ATS is febrile.
4. It is recommended if an ATS is febrile, return to class is not recommended either.
5. If an ATS will miss a clinical experience and/or class due to a communicable disease a written documentation from a physician must be provided upon return. Lack of documentation may result in an unexcused absence. All ATS are responsible for work missed during the illness.
6. It is the ATS' responsibility to communicate with the preceptor and Course Instructor in regard to course progress. Communication can be via phone or email (Please do not text message.)

How to prevent the spread of Communicable Diseases:

1. Frequent hand washing for the full length of the tune of “A-B-C-D.” Hand wash after: using the bathroom; caring for a patient; preparing or eating food; blowing your nose, sneezing, or coughing; changing a diaper; or after playing with a pet.
2. Sneezing and/or coughing into your shirt or crook of your elbow instead of your hands.
3. Even though using an antiseptic hand-rinse is a first-line defense, it still needs to be followed up with hand washing.
4. Try to avoid touching your mouth, nose, and eyes when they are unwashed.
5. Do not share toiletries.
6. When sick, allow time to fully heal and recover.
7. Proper refrigeration and food preparation is essential. Use hot, soapy water when cleaning cooking surfaces and utensils.

ATS Signature

Date

Program Director

APPENDIX N: Nacogdoches Medical Center HR Training Requirements for Clinical Experiences

Nacogdoches Medical Center Human Resource/Employee Health Pre-Clinical Rotation Student Clearance Processing

I. NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ROTATION

School will provide NMC Human Resources with a list of student names and their contact information as soon as the rotation schedule is assigned.

II. EMPLOYEE HEALTH - HEALTH SCREENING

Health Screen/Immunizations – See attached form “Health Screening Requirements for Students” for required documentation. Fax the required screening/immunizations to 936-568- 3263 **two weeks** prior to orientation. An appointment with Employee Health may be necessary after review of documentation so please include contact information.

III. HUMAN RESOURCES

- a. Background check – Student/School provides a copy of the results to Human Resources.
- b. Exhibit A, B, & C – Must be completed and turned in to Human Resources prior to attending Orientation.
- c. Student Orientation Documentation – Must be completed and turned in to Human Resources.
- d. Students/Instructors must complete all required documentation and submit to Human Resources **two weeks PRIOR to the rotation start date/onboarding session.**
- e. If you have questions or need clarification regarding information that Human Resources needs, please call (936) 568-3136.

IV. ORIENTATION

- a. Human Resources provides orientation dates for student(s)
- b. If department providing the hospital wide orientation, HR notified and checklist provided to be returned to HR.

V. **Students are not clear for clinical rotation until all documents are turned in and the student is cleared by Human Resources and Employee Health.**

NACOGDOCHES MED CENTER & NAC. MEMORIAL HEALTH
SCREENING REQUIREMENTS

- HEPATITIS B VACCINE

- Laboratory evidence of immunity
OR
 - Documentation of 3 Hepatitis B vaccines
OR
 - Signed declination
- MMR VACCINE (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)
- Laboratory evidence of immunity to Measles (Rubeola), Mumps and Rubella
OR
 - Documentation of 2 MMR vaccines
- Tdap VACCINE
- Documentation of one vaccine
 - Within 10 years
- VARICELLA
- Laboratory evidence of immunity
OR
 - Documentation of 2 Varicella vaccines (the Zoster/Shingles vaccine can count for one)
OR
 - Documentation of prior disease (chicken pox or shingles)
- INFLUENZA VACCINE (October 1 – March 31)
- Documentation of current Influenza vaccine
- TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING
- Negative TB skin test or TB blood test
OR
 - If history of positive: Chest X-ray, TB Questionnaire and documentation of prophylaxis
 - Done within 6 months of beginning rotation

APPENDIX O: Nacogdoches Medical Center HR Documents for Clinical Experiences

EXHIBIT A STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

For and in consideration of the benefit provided the undersigned in the form of experience in evaluation and treatment of patients of TH Healthcare, Ltd. d/b/a Nacogdoches Medical Center (“Hospital”), the undersigned and his/her heirs, successors and/or assigns do hereby covenant and agree to assume all risks of, and be solely responsible for, any injury or loss sustained by the undersigned while participating in the Program operated by Stephen F. Austin State University (“School”) at Hospital unless such injury or loss arises solely out of Hospital’s gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Program Participant

Witness

EXHIBIT B CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges his/her responsibility under applicable federal law and the Agreement between Stephen F. Austin State University (“School”) and TH Healthcare, Ltd. d/b/a Nacogdoches Medical Center (“Hospital”), to keep confidential any information regarding Hospital patients and proprietary information of Hospital. The undersigned agrees, under penalty of law, not to reveal to any person or persons except authorized clinical staff and associated personnel any specific information regarding any patient and further agrees not to reveal to any third party any confidential information of Hospital, except as required by law or as authorized by Hospital. The undersigned agrees to comply with any patient information privacy policies and procedures of the School and Hospital. The undersigned further acknowledges that he or she has viewed a videotape regarding Hospital’s patient information privacy practices in its entirety and has had an opportunity to ask questions regarding Hospital’s and School’s privacy policies and procedures and privacy practices.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Program Participant

Witness

EXHIBIT C

HEALTH AND BACKGROUND SCREENING ATTESTATION

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

HEALTH OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS. School affirms the Program Participant(s) listed below have completed the following health screenings or documented health status as follows:

1. Tuberculin sATTR test within the past 12 months or documentation as a previous positive reactor or a chest x-ray taken within the past 12 months; and
2. Proof of Rubella and Rubeola immunity by positive antibody titers or 2 doses of MMR; and
3. Varicella immunity, by positive history of chickenpox or proof of Varicella immunization; and
4. Proof of Hepatitis B immunization or completion of a certification of declination of vaccine, if patient contact is anticipated.

BACKGROUND CHECKS. School has conducted a retrospective background check on all students assigned to the program and members of staff/faculty responsible for supervision and/or instruction prior to their participation in clinical activities. Unless Hospital is notified in writing, all background checks are negative. The background check included the following:

1. Social Security number verification.
2. Criminal Search (7 years)
3. Violent Sexual Offender & Predator registry
4. HHS/OIG/GSA
5. Other: _____

ATTENDING STUDENTS:

1. _____
2. _____

STAFF:

1. _____
2. _____

School acknowledges this information will be available to all Tenet affiliates as reasonably necessary.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

APPENDIX P: NMC Patient Privacy, Confidentiality and Security Presentation

Located as additional link in BRIGHTSPACE GATP Portal to view.

APPENDIX Q: Woodland Heights Affirmation of Student Orientation



Student Hospital Orientation

The following topics were presented as part of the orientation for new students:

- Mission/Vision/Culture
 - Community Cares
 - Standards of Behavior - AIDET
 - HCAHPS
- HIPAA - Protecting Patient Privacy
 - Confidentiality Statement
 - WISA Form and IT Security
- Quality and Risk Management
 - Core Measures
 - Performance Improvement
 - Regulatory Organizations
 - Patient Rights and Responsibilities
 - National Patient Safety Goals
 - Cultural Diversity
 - Workplace Violence
 - Corporate Compliance
 - Code of Conduct
 - High Reliability Org. – S.A.F.E.
 - Sentinel Events
 - Abuse and Neglect
- Environment of Care
 - Safety and Security
 - Emergency Management
 - Hazardous Materials
 - Biomedical Waste
 - Fire, Electrical, and Life Safety
 - Medical Equipment Management
 - Utilities Management
 - Emergency Code Review
 - Forensic Education
 - Active Shooter Training
- Infection Prevention and Employee Health
 - Hand Hygiene
 - Blood Borne Pathogens
 - Personal Protective Equipment
 - Influenza
 - Hospital Acquired Infections
 - Back Safety and Body Mechanics
 - On the job injury
- Human Resources
 - Harassment, Disruptive and Intimidating Behavior Awareness
 - Policies and Procedures
 - Dress Code
 - Parking
 - Organizational Chart
 - Tobacco Free Campus
- Mandatory In-service Requirements
 - Fall Prevention and Patient Safety
 - Hourly Rounding – 4 P’s
 - Tube Feeding Patients
 - Event Reporting System
 - Restraint Training

My signature below represents that I have received the orientation material above, have been given the opportunity to ask questions and have completed the questions associated with the material.

Student Name

Student Signature

School and Instructor

Date

WHMC Education/Human Resources

Date

Student Rotation Verification

Each of the students on the attached list meets the standards set forth by the Student Affiliation Agreement held between Woodland Heights Medical Center and _____ (school) including but not limited to the following:

- Updated Immunizations including:
 - Tdap
 - MMR
 - Hep B Series
 - Varicella (Vaccine or Pos HX)
 - Negative TB skin test (within the past year) (or chest x-ray)
 - Annual Flu vaccine
 - **Covid-19 vaccine (or medical/ religious exemption(s) approved by college/ University)**

- Current AHA BLS
- Current Liability Insurance (N/A for non-clinical students)
- Negative Drug Screen
- Clear Background Check
- Signed Confidentiality Agreement
- HIPAA Privacy Training

By signing this form, you attest to the authenticity & availability of all items listed above.

Instructor Signature

Date

Print Name

Education Department

Date

Linda Moran, MSN, RN

Print Name

Human Resources Department

Date

Print Name

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CHI ST. LUKE'S HEALTH MEMORIAL OBSERVATION/SHADOWING APPLICATION

Observer Status:

High School/College Student Pre-Med Student ... Other

Observer Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Age: _____

Gender: M F Date of Birth: _____ SSN: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Participation Date(s): _____

School or Program Name: _____

Reason for Observation/Shadowing: _____ Career development _____

Preceptor Physician: _____

Are you under 18? Yes No If "Yes", parent/legal guardian must sign below.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IF UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE:

I grant permission for my child to participate in the CHI Observation/Shadowing program. My child is at least 16 years of age.

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____

DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE:

1. In consideration of the permission granted, I hereby release the physicians, CHI St. Luke's Health Memorial, and its employees from any claims or liability, physical injury and/or damage including emotional distress or Injury or mental anguish which may be sustained by me or the patient **as a** result of the presence of myself in the Hospital.
2. Recognizing that my observation/shadowing experience provides access to a variety of Information deemed strictly confidential, I accept that it is the patient's right to refuse permission for me to observe the delivery of medical care or service to that patient.
3. I acknowledge my obligation to maintain confidentiality and understand that disclosing such information is prohibited by federal law and is unethical. I understand that the confidentiality of the employees and patients of CHI St. Luke's Health Memorial must be respected at all times.
4. I understand that information concerning patients, their illness, or their families is private. Medical records are by law confidential and should remain private. I understand that a breach in confidentiality may be in violation of federal and/or state statutes and regulations and may be subject to prosecution under the law.
5. I will respect and maintain patient confidentiality, both during my visit and after I leave the facility.
6. I acknowledge and assume the risk that patient, practitioners, nurses, and others involved with the delivery of medical and surgical care may unknowingly expose me to infection and illness.
7. It is my voluntary decision to participate in this experience. I agree to conduct myself in an appropriate manner, to take direction from my sponsor, and to dress in a professional manner.

Observer Signature: _____ Date: _____

SPONSOR STATEMENT:

This observer will be under my full supervisor. By my signature below, I agree to the following:

1. I support the application and agree to personally oversee and supervise this observer during the approved period of observation/shadowing.
2. I will ensure the observer will abide by CHI policies, rules, regulations, and will review the Hospital's rules for patient confidentiality, safety education, etc.
3. I understand that the observer shadowing is permitted only to view patient care, and only with patient consent. I agree that Individual will have no direct contact or provider any type of medical care.

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

APPENDIX S: STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (Mental Health / Food Pantry)

MENTAL HEALTH

On-campus Resources:

Counseling Services

SFA Counseling Services provides individual and group counseling, mental health workshops and presentations and crisis intervention. Services are provided to SFA students and are free and confidential.

Website: sfasu.edu/counselingservices

Location: Rusk Building, third floor

Phone: 936.468.2401

Human Services Counseling Clinic

Counseling is provided by supervised graduate students who are in the graduate counseling program in the SFA Department of Human Services and Educational Leadership.

Website: sfasu.edu/humanservices/clinics-labs/counseling-clinic

Location: Human Services, Room 202

Phone: 936.468.1041

Local Crisis Resources:

Mental Health Emergencies

**If you are experiencing an emergency, call 911 or the
Burke Crisis Line at 1.800.392.8343.**

Burke

Burke is the local mental health authority for our 12-county East Texas region. It provides inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment and emergency mental health services.

Website: myburke.org

Location: 4632 NE Stallings Drive, Nacogdoches

24-hour crisis line: 1.800.392.8343

Mental health services: 936.634.5010 or 1.866.242.4556

Alcohol and drug detoxification services: 936.634.5753 or 1.800.445.8562

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council of Deep East Texas

The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council of Deep East Texas provides prevention and treatment services for chemical dependency.

Website: adacdet.org

Phone: 936.569.1445 or 1.800.445.8562

Charles Wilson VA Outpatient Clinic Mental Health Annex

The Charles Wilson VA Outpatient Clinic Mental Health Annex provides mental health services for veterans.

Website: va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?id=661

Location: 1514 Ellis Ave., Lufkin

Phone: 936.671.4300 or 1.800.209.3120

Veterans crisis line: dial 988 (press 1) or text 838255

Family Crisis Center of East Texas

The Family Crisis Center of East Texas provides prevention services and assistance for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Website: familycrisiscenterofeasttexas.com

24-hour crisis line: 1.800.828.7233

Nacogdoches outreach office phone: 936.569.1018

On-campus advocate phone: 936.468.SAFE (7233)

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, formerly National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, provides free and confidential support to people in distress.

Website: 988lifeline.org

Phone: call or text 988

Additional resources:

Website: www.suicide.org

[Suicide hotlines by state](#)

[Suicide hotlines in Texas](#)

FOOD PANTRY:

Lumberjack Food Pantry

The primary purpose of the Lumberjack Food Pantry is to lead the way in the reduction of food insecurity on the SFA campus. We identify and raise awareness of campus-specific needs and collaborate with campus departments and student organizations.

Distribution

Current SFA students are eligible to receive food distribution. **Students who live off campus are eligible to receive two boxes of food per month**, while students who live on campus may receive one box of food per month.

Health and Wellness Hub

936.468.4008

Office Hours:

8 a.m. to Noon; 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday through Friday

Closed during university holidays

Regional Food Assistance Locator

1. [East Texas Food Bank](#) serves 26 counties, including Nacogdoches and Angelina.
2. [Nacogdoches Hope](#), helping other people eat. **Open** Mon. & Thur. 9-11:30; 2nd and the 4th Tues. 5-7 p.m.
3. Sacred Heart Food Panty located at Sacred Heart Church on the south side of gym, 2508 Appleby Sand Road, 936.564.7807. **Open** 2nd & 4th Tuesday
4. Harvest House Food Pantry locate at North Street Church of Christ on 3914 North Street, 936.564.4806 church office.
Food pantry with USDA commodities and produce. Based on need. Clients must apply in person at Love Inc. before being served. Love Inc. is located at 917 Ruby Street in Nacogdoches, Texas.
Tuesdays 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Wednesdays 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Thursdays 10 to 11:30 a.m
5. Food closet located behind Morning Glory Yoga, 409 East Main Street, closet is pinkish.

APPENDIX T: UNIVERSITY & GATP POLICY AND PROCEDURE URLS (CAATE Standards Reference)

URL for university policies: <https://www.sfasu.edu/hop>

APPENDIX U: PROGRAM ASSOCIATED COSTS

Below is a summary of costs that the student can expect to spend during an academic year associated with the program (this list is not inclusive):

Purpose	Estimated Cost and Description
Criminal Background Check Fingerprint Check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fee of ~\$40
Textbooks and Course Materials/Additional Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student responsibility ▪ \$300-\$500 per semester ▪ ATTR 5162 courses require the purchase of an NATA Self-Assessment BOC ~\$35
Dual Credentialing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student responsibility ▪ Variable fee(s) ▪ NASM Corrective Exercise Specialist curriculum has an optional certification fee (~ discounted rate of \$425).
Professional Malpractice Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will be obtained by SFA prior to beginning clinical experiences in July and will be renewed each academic year. ▪ If you already possess TX AT licensure and choose to practice independently, a separate part-time liability insurance policy will need to be purchased and kept on record with the program.
Typhon, Student Assessment Fee (for program documents and student e-portfolio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$100, you will be required to purchase this during the first week of school via an internet site. Please have a credit card to be make this online purchase. This fee covers your two-year enrollment and permits five-year access after graduating.
National Athletic Trainers' Association Student Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student responsibility ▪ This is required upon acceptance to the program and proof must be provided. Annual renewal required. ▪ New student membership for SWATA, District 6 is \$92; ask if a pro-rate. ▪ If your permanent residence in another district, you will pay that amount for dues.
TB SATTR Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student responsibility \$15 ▪ A current TB titer test is required for students upon acceptance and arrival on campus for the program. This will be done once on campus.
Uniforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students are currently provided uniforms for clinical experiences at no charge to the student through the SFA Athletic Department. This is subject for change. ▪ Additional attire (e.g., dress slacks, dress jacket, shoes, etc.) will vary according to the clinical assignment and will be the responsibility of the student to purchase (if needed).
Hepatitis B Vaccination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This can be acquired through SFA Student Health Services via health insurance or out-of-pocket expense, ~\$30. ▪ Opting out requires signed documentation, but may limit your

	<p>ability to complete clinical education requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Upon acceptance to program, this service is available for a small fee through SFA Student Health Services.
Travel To Off-Campus Clinical Affiliated Sites/Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student responsibility ▪ Students are responsible for obtaining transportation to/from a designated off-campus clinical affiliated site. Some of our sites are beyond the geographical proximity of SFA's campus; therefore, a mode of transportation is absolutely necessary.
Self-assessment exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preparation for Board of Certification of examination ▪ Fall II ATTR 5162-1 purchase, \$35 for NATA Member ▪ Spring II ATTR 5162-2 purchase, \$35 for NATA Member
Board of Certification national examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student responsibility ▪ NATA Member, \$300; Non-NATA Member, \$375 ▪ It is a program requirement to have registered/attempted the BOC national examination prior to graduation. This examination is the equivalent of a departmental comprehensive exam.
Graduate Application / Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student responsibility ▪ \$75 Masters application fee ▪ Masters cap, gown, and hood rental; variable costs.
Immunizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student responsibility ▪ Variable in cost dependent on what has not been completed upon admittance.
Health/Dental Insurance and General Medical Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student responsibility ▪ Variable rates, students are strongly encouraged. ▪ Student health insurance can also be obtained through SFA Student Health Services.

Medical Insurance Coverage

All students who do not have health insurance are encouraged to purchase the SFA Sponsored Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan, commonly known as Student Insurance. This is a low cost health insurance designed for students and their dependents. For more information on the Student Insurance plan, please contact the SFA Student Health Services at (936) 468-4008, or visit the [Student Health Services website](#).