

## ATEP/Student Athletes

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### POLICY ON ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Athletic Training Student (ATS): \_\_\_\_\_ Sport: \_\_\_\_\_

Student athletes are eligible to apply for admittance into the Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP), however, it will not be possible to complete the program requirements without the full cooperation from the coaching staff. Since the ATEP has a significant clinical component which often requires ATS commitment during afternoons, evenings, and on weekends, time conflicts between sport demands and clinical requirements can occur. The ATEP faculty is committed to making sure that the ATS can graduate on time, fulfill all of the requirements for the ATEP, and have quality clinical experiences to prepare them for successful careers as certified athletic trainers. The following guidelines are designed to ensure that the ATS/student athlete is given the opportunity to complete the ATEP and participate in intercollegiate athletics:

- 1) Applicants to the ATEP will be provided with a copy of this policy statement. The intention on the part of a prospective student to participate in intercollegiate athletics shall not factor into the admissions decision for the ATEP.
- 2) The ATS will limit their participation to one intercollegiate team.
- 3) An ATS who is a member of an intercollegiate team will participate fully during their team's traditional season ONLY. The ATS will not be permitted to participate in non-traditional season activities (games or practice) which conflict with his or her responsibilities to the ATEP.
- 4) An ATS who participates in intercollegiate athletics must fulfill all the didactic and clinical program requirements before they may graduate. All such ATS are strongly encouraged to consult the ATEP Director early in their program since effective planning is crucial to on-time graduation.
- 5) All ATS are required to have an "equipment intensive" clinical experience (football) in the fall semester during their third year in the program. An ATS who participates in a fall sport will be required to return for a ninth semester to complete the "equipment intensive" clinical experience.
- 6) No exceptions will be made to the course sequencing for student athletes who are admitted to the program.
- 7) Students with questions regarding this policy are encouraged to speak with the ATEP Director for clarification of their concerns.

*I have read and agree to these terms concerning my participation as an ATS in intercollegiate athletics.*

ATS Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read and agree to these terms concerning this student-athlete's participation in the Athletic Training Education Program.*

Head Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_