

Athletic Training Retention Policy

Criteria for retention in the Athletic Training Program

- Athletic Training Program students must maintain a cumulative grade point averages of at least 2.75 in all courses. At the end of each semester, grades will be reviewed; if the required grade point average is not met, the candidate will be placed on probation. Students will be permitted to continue taking courses within the Athletic Training Program during the probationary semester provided their grade point average reaches 2.75 by the end of that semester or as determined in a written agreement between the student, the advisor, and the Program Director.
- Athletic Training Program students must receive a grade of “C” or better in every course of the Athletic Training Program core. At the end of each semester, grades will be reviewed; if the student has received a grade less than a “C” in any course of the Athletic Training Program core, the student will be permitted to continue taking courses within the Athletic Training Program but must complete the course with a grade of “C” or better.
- Athletic Training Program students must earn a grade of “C” or better in all courses that are prerequisites for clinical courses. Students will not be allowed to take the clinical course until the prerequisite course has been repeated with a grade of “C” or better. The Advisor and Program Director may develop a written plan with a student that would allow for the student to take a clinical course after receiving grade less than a “C” in the prerequisite course due to extenuating circumstances, however, the student will still be required to pass the course with a “C” or better.
- Students are required to check with their advisors concerning any additional departmental requirements and to complete any additional requirements
- Students are expected to demonstrate the dispositions of a good Athletic Trainer throughout the program by being: motivated/dedicated, responsible, resourceful, caring/sensitive, open minded, poised, ethical and collegial (collaborative/cooperative).
- The student must maintain continuous enrollment. Students who are not enrolled at the university for more than two consecutive semesters (excluding summer semesters) will be dropped from the Athletic Training Program and must be re-admitted to the Athletic Training Program before proceeding with any coursework requiring admission to the Athletic Training Program.

Athletic Training Probation / Disciplinary Policy

Effect of Probationary Status

- Students who do not maintain the required grade point average will receive a warning and be placed on academic probation from the program for the following semester. Students will have one semester to bring their grade point average up to the required grade point average. During the semester of academic probation, students are not able to participate in clinical rotations or athletic training room hours unless stipulated in the student’s plan developed by the student, the advisor, and the Program Director. Students will be required to meet with their academic advisor and the Program Director and submit a grade report sheet at the time of each meeting as determined in the student plan.
- Students who display inappropriate dispositions are to be reported by faculty or Preceptor. Prior to filing the report faculty/Preceptor would be expected to discuss their concerns about the student’s disposition with the student. If discussion of the concern does not remedy the problem then an inappropriate dispositions report is filed. Both the student and reporting person should sign the report. If the student is unavailable (e.g. due to excessive absences) the report may be filed without the student's signature. The written report is filed with the Chair of Teacher Education and Human Performance who will forward copies to the candidate's advisor and the Program Director. The form will describe the inappropriate disposition or behavior and also indicate the level of urgency in remedying the situation. Any report of inappropriate dispositions will require that the reporting

faculty member be notified of an advisor/student action plan to remedy the concerns. In the case of multiple reports of inappropriate dispositions or an egregious incident, the student will be required to meet with the Athletic Training Program Selection Committee (ATPSC) which will determine what action needs to be taken. Action may include an advisor/student plan to remedy concerns, probation with a plan to remedy concerns, or removal from the program. In the event of multiple reports or an egregious incident, a "plan follow through" report must be filed with ATPSC prior to the Program Director's endorsement to sit for the Board of Certification (BOC) exam.

- Following the probationary semester the ATPSC will review the candidate's status. This review will include but not be limited to: the grade point averages, dispositions, recommendations from faculty, and the previous probation history. The ATPSC will change the candidate's status to fully admitted, or will drop the student from the Athletic Training Program. The candidate will be informed of the decision at the end of the semester. A student dropped from the Athletic Training Program will be dropped from clinical courses.
- Student grievances should be taken up with the preceptor. If the preceptor is not able reconcile the problem, the issue should be brought to the Program Director; the next chain of command is the Chair of the Teacher Education and Human Performance Department, then the Dean of the School of Education and Health Sciences.

Procedure for Re-admittance to the Athletic Training Program

- If a student was dropped from the Athletic Training Program for failure to enroll for more than two consecutive semesters, the candidate must meet with his or her advisor and be recommended for reinstatement by his or her advisor and the department chair.
- If a student was dropped from the program for other reasons, he or she must go through the full admissions process, but will not be required to duplicate relevant items from the first admission.

*It is a privilege and not a right to be admitted and enrolled in the Athletic Training Program. Any infraction of rules shall result in the following disciplinary policies.