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MUST be sent to and from your Ohio University email address
Program Mission

Mission Statement
The Ohio University Athletic Training Program centralizes our students’ intellectual, professional, and personal development through mentored education and service to the campus and community. With research as the foundation, the Program instills evidence-based clinical practice with an emphasis on medically underserved and emerging practice settings.

Program Learning Outcomes
At the completion of the Professional Masters of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) Program students will be able to:

1. Integrate evidence-based medicine into patient-centered care.
2. Critically analyze the results of a medical history and physical exam in order to develop an accurate diagnosis and effective intervention plan.
3. Accurately interpret the results of diagnostic tests in order to deliver an effective intervention plan.
4. Execute strategies to overcome the obstacles associated with delivering effective health care to a medically underserved population.
5. Demonstrate professional standards that align with the NATA Code of Ethics and the foundational behaviors of professional practice.
6. Effectively communicate with patients and other healthcare professionals.
7. Foster healthcare team collaboration to provide patient-centered care.
8. Demonstrate principles of lifelong learning and ongoing professional development.
**Program Admissions**

Students interested in the Professional MSAT Program at Ohio University must meet the admission requirements and complete the following admission process:

**Admission Requirements**

- Students must have current Emergency Care Certification at the level of BLS or higher. ECC providers must align with those identified by the Board of Certification (BOC).
- Students must have current proof of immunizations for communicable and other diseases. See Immunization requirement.
- Ohio law mandates criminal records checks for all prospective employees in positions where the individual will be caring for older adults or children. Additionally, a mandatory criminal record check and toxicology screening for all clinical students are standard criteria in affiliation agreements with clinical sites. Therefore, all students are required to obtain a criminal background check and toxicology screening prior to each academic year.

**Applying**

Requirements to be considered for *conditional* admission:

1. Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution or equivalent
2. Preferred cumulative GPA of 3.0
3. Prerequisite GPA of 3.0 based upon the program prerequisite topics
4. Preferred GRE score of 300 with a preferred writing score of 4.0
5. International students must complete the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (minimum of written 575, computer 233)

**Application Timeline**

Full consideration is granted to completed applications received by February 1. Application received after this date are considered on a space-available basis.

Applicants who apply by February 1 will be notified by April 15 if they are conditionally admitted. The admissions process ends when the cohort is filled (maximum 25 students per cohort). Orientation begins each year around August 1. First semester classes begin with the commencement of fall semester.

**Application Procedure**

To be considered for admission into the Professional MSAT Program the successful candidate will complete or meet the following procedures or criteria:

1. Apply online at www.atcas.liasoncas.com
2. Upload the following onto ATCAS:
   A. Official transcripts from all institutions attended that include prerequisite courses
   B. Curriculum vitae/resume
   C. Personal statement of professional goals
   D. Verification of 50 hours of observation under direct supervision of an AT
   E. Three letters of recommendation (two from an AT and one from a professor)
3. Interview with OHIO MSAT admission committee (must meet all application requirements)
4. If offered conditional admittance, apply online at www.ohio.edu/graduate/apply
   A. Send GRE scores to the graduate college. Ohio University’s Graduate Record Examination (GRE) code is: 1593
   B. Submit the OHIO application fee of $50 ($55 for international students) to the graduate college.
   C. Submit results of criminal background check and toxicology screening through MyRecordTracker.
5. Students offered conditional admittance will need to complete the required items listed in the Conditional Admittance section of the Policy and Procedures Manual
**Conditional Admittance Procedure**

Prior to being granted full, unconditional admittance to the Ohio University Professional MSAT Program, the following screenings must be complete and meet the requirements as indicated by the Program.

1. **Self-Disclosures (Appendix A)**

   Because athletic trainers are entrusted with the care of children and other vulnerable members of society, clinical sites that are affiliated with the Program require that students providing care at said sites are fit to participate in the care of vulnerable patients. To that end, candidates who have been offered conditional admission to Ohio University’s MSAT Program will be provided a copy of a self-disclosure statement. This document is intended to be for your personal reflection; the Program does not require a completed copy. Instead, the self-disclosure statement is used by the Program to advise candidates on their likelihood of clearing a criminal background check. Candidates and students who answer “yes” to any of the statements included on the self-disclosure, are unlikely to meet the requirements as dictated by the Program and/or its affiliated clinical sites, and will be unable to complete the curriculum, and thereby unable to graduate. Thus, the MSAT Program at Ohio University, feels it is our moral and ethical obligation to advise candidates of their potential for clinical placement prior to candidates securing housing and paying tuition. Candidates who continue to pursue unconditional admission and complete the background check process, despite the Program’s advisement, do so knowing they are fully responsible for all costs that are incurred with the admissions process. There will be no refunds.

2. **Criminal Background Check**

   Because athletic trainers are entrusted with the care of children and other vulnerable members of society, clinical sites that are affiliated with the Program require that students providing care at said sites are fit to participate in the care of vulnerable patients. To that end, students are required to obtain background checks through Certiphi within the eight weeks prior to matriculation.

   Failure to consent to and/or complete a background check that is clear of any infractions through Certiphi will result in failure to meet the conditions set forth by OHIO MSAT Program. All results of the background check are reported to the Program through Certiphi. Felony convictions will result in offers of conditional admission being rescinded, thereby denying admission to the candidate. All charges and arrests as well as misdemeanor convictions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

3. **Toxicology Screen**

   As part of the OHIO MSAT’s established admissions conditions, students are required to complete a urine drug screen within the eight weeks prior to matriculation. All testing must be conducted at Certiphi approved sites, which are available at [www.applicationstation.com](http://www.applicationstation.com) (program code is required). In preparation for a drug screen, students should bring a photo ID. A list of required toxicologies are provided in the table below.

   | Toxicology Screen (Drug Test) | Laboratory evidence of a urine drug screen which includes the following toxicologies: amphetamines, cocaine metabolites, marijuana metabolites, opiates, phencyclidine, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, methadone, propoxyphene, and MDMA/Ecstasy is required. The lab report must be dated within eight weeks of matriculation. |

**Positive Tests**
Positive tests are reported to the Program by Certiphi’s Medical Review Officer (MRO). A urine sample is determined to be positive when it (1) contains one or more of the substances listed in the table above, (2) is an improper temperature, (3) is diluted, and/or (4) is a non-biological or inappropriate sample. Certiphi will notify the candidate via email once the drug test results are available. In the event an admissions candidate tests positive, Certiphi’s MRO will call the impacted candidate. If an admissions candidate tests positive for a prescription medication for which he/she/ze has a current and valid prescription, verification of prescription will be requested following the test results. It is advisable that a candidate on prescription medication be proactive and obtain proof from his/her/zir physician prior to the drug test as this will expedite the process once the MRO calls.

In cases of a positive that are not supported by a physician’s prescription (e.g., identified substance without prescription, improper temperature, dilute, or non-biological sample), a secondary confirmatory test will be conducted at a Certiphi site at the student’s expense. The confirmatory test must be completed within 24 hours of the reported initial positive. A positive confirmatory test prior to program matriculation will be determined by the MRO as a positive sample or failure to submit to a confirmatory test within the specified time frame. In these cases, the results will be interpreted as an inability to meet the established health and technical standards required for admission. Consequently, offers of conditional admission will be rescinded, thereby denying admission to the candidate.

4. Immunization Record and Health Screening

Participation in an educational program preparing students to become healthcare practitioners may expose students and their patients to diseases. For the safety of students and patients, all students admitted to the MSAT Program must have up-to-date vaccinations and immunity. Students must be fully immunized for the following: hepatitis B, rubeola (measles), mumps, rubella, tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis, and chicken pox. Students must also have an annual influenza vaccination and tuberculosis screening. Full details on the procedures and requirements for each of these is provided in the table below. Prior to matriculation and as a condition of admissions, candidates must upload a completed copy of their immunization record to MyRecordTracker (with the exception of the annual flu shot, which must be completed and documented with MyRecordTracker no later than November 1). While enrolled, it is the student’s responsibility to be fully current and immunized on all items detailed below. Failure to do so will result in the student being removed from all patient contact until the situation is remedied. Inability to complete clinical assignments may delay or prohibit graduation.

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<td><strong>HepB (Hepatitis B)</strong></td>
<td>Provide dates of three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine.</td>
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<td>Laboratory evidence of immunity (i.e., HepB Surface Antibody, Quantitative) is required. Accompanying laboratory report must be submitted. The lab report (1) must be dated within the past 12 months and (2) provide quantitative results and values/ranges. Please note that “positive / negative” is an interpretation, not a value or range.</td>
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<td>In the event of a negative or equivocal titer, students must repeat the HepB series and re-titer on a medically acceptable schedule. Pending a second negative / equivocal titer, the student will be considered a non-responder and will not be expected to undergo additional procedures in order to establish immunity.</td>
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| MMR (Measles - Mumps - Rubella) | Provide dates of two doses of MMR (measles [rubeola], mumps, rubella) vaccines, given on or after the first birthday. If given as separate vaccines, please indicate each date administered. Laboratory evidence of immunity (i.e., Rubeola IgG Titer, Mumps IgG Titer, Rubella IgG Titer) is required. Accompanying laboratory report must be submitted. The lab report (1) must be dated within the past 12 months and (2) provide quantitative results and values/ranges. **Please note that “positive / negative” is an interpretation, not a value or range.**  
In the event of a negative or equivocal titer upon initial testing, students must submit to the MMR vaccination series or booster on a medically acceptable schedule. (i.e., vaccination doses should be four weeks apart). |
| Tdap (Tetanus/diphtheria/acellular pertussis) | Provide the date of one Tdap (Tetanus toxoid/diphtheria toxoid/acellular pertussis) vaccine (trade name Adacel® or Boostrix®). Tdap can be given regardless of interval since previous Td (Tetanus/diphtheria). Following administration of a one-time Tdap, a Td will be required every 10 years. |
| Tuberculosis (TB) Skin Testing (TST) | One-Step TB Skin Testing (TST) is required of all students prior to matriculation and prior to the second clinical year. The TST date(s) and results in millimeters must be submitted. The intradermal PPD test must be placed and read within 48-72 hours by a licensed physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or registered nurse. **Please note that “positive / negative” is an interpretation, and not a result without accompanying mm reaction.**  
**Positive TST:** The following documentation must be submitted along with the TST results: (1) chest x-ray results, or (2) results of either a Quantiferon-Gold (QFT-G) or T-Spot TB Blood Test.  
**Positive Past History of Positive TST:** If a student has tested positive previously, he/she will be required to submit to a QFT-G or T-Spot blood test in place of a TST.  
**Active TB Found:** Student must begin medical treatment and antibiotics dictated by a physician. Student will be removed from patient contact until treating physician deems it safe (i.e., typically when antibiotics become effective). |
| Varicella (chickenpox) | Documentation of disease history is NOT sufficient.  
Laboratory evidence of immunity (i.e., VZV IgG Titer) is required. Accompanying laboratory report must be submitted. The lab report (1) must be dated within the past 12 months and (2) provide quantitative results and values/ranges. **Please note that “positive / negative” is an interpretation, not a value or range.**  
In the event of a negative or equivocal titer, students must repeat the vaccination series / booster (i.e., vaccination doses should be four weeks apart). |

### 5. Technical Standards

Students must submit a signed technical standards form (Appendix B). By signing this form you are stating you are able to maintain the mental, physical, communicative, and other standards of the Program. Failure or refusal to sign this form will result in withdrawal of admission offer.
Required Procedures Prior to First Day of Classes

Prior to the first day of classes of each academic year, the following modules and certifications must be completed and on file with the Program. These requirements must remain current throughout a student’s enrollment in the Professional MSAT Program.

1. **HIPAA Module**

Annual HIPAA training is required for all athletic training students. Students must submit a certificate of completion to the Program no later than the first day of classes for the first and second year. The online module can be accessed at: [https://people.ohio.edu/malawist/HIPAA/presentation_html5.html](https://people.ohio.edu/malawist/HIPAA/presentation_html5.html).

2. **Bloodborne Pathogen Module**

Annual bloodborne pathogen training is required for all athletic training students. Students must submit a certificate of completion to the Program no later than the first day of classes for the first and second year. The online module can be accessed at: [https://people.ohio.edu/malawist/Universal%20Precautions/presentation_html5.html](https://people.ohio.edu/malawist/Universal%20Precautions/presentation_html5.html).

3. **Basic Life Support Certification for Healthcare Providers**

Current CPR/AED certification, in accordance with BOC standards, is required for all students enrolled in the MSAT Program at Ohio University. The certification must (1) be on file with the Program and (2) must remain current while enrolled in the Program. Students must possess and are responsible for maintaining a copy of their certifications. Any change or new certifications must be provided to the Program.

4. **Student Professional Liability Insurance**

Students are required to provide proof of professional liability insurance prior to the first day of classes for each academic year. For example, Healthcare Providers Service Organization (HPSO) provides athletic training students professional liability insurance at a rate of ~$38.00 per year for Ohio AT student residents. Rates will vary and will depend on several factors, including your state of residency, if you hold any additional certifications/licenses, etc. Once you have obtained coverage, a PDF copy, including your zip code of the address you used when purchasing your HSPO insurance, must be immediately emailed to the Clinical Director. Proof of current coverage must be on file throughout your enrollment in the Program. Internship sites will be provided policy information upon request.

Contact Information:
Healthcare Providers Service Organization (HPSO)
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Hatboro, PA 19040-1218
Phone: 1-800-982-9491
service@hpso.com
www.hpso.com
Required Procedures Prior to Second Year

Prior to beginning the fall AT 5910 Clinical Immersion, the following modules and certifications must be complete and on file with the Program. These requirements must remain current through a student’s enrollment in the Professional MSAT Program.

1. HIPAA Module

Annual HIPAA training is required for all athletic training students. Students must submit a certificate of completion to the Program no later than the first day of classes for the first and second year. The online module can be accessed at: https://people.ohio.edu/malawist/HIPAA/presentation_html5.html.

2. Bloodborne Pathogen Module

Annual bloodborne pathogen training is required for all athletic training students. Students must submit a certificate of completion to the Program no later than the first day of classes for the first and second year. The online module can be accessed at: https://people.ohio.edu/malawist/Universal%20Precautions/presentation_html5.html.

3. Criminal Background Check Prior to Second Clinical Year

Because athletic trainers are entrusted with the care of children and other vulnerable members of society, clinical sites that are affiliated with the Program require that students providing care at said sites are fit to participate in the care of vulnerable patients. Within eight weeks of beginning the first clinical immersive experience of the second year, each student will be required to submit to another background check. Additional background checks may be necessary throughout the Program per individual clinical site requirements. Refusal to complete or consent to a background check will prohibit the student from beginning clinical rotations, and thus at minimum will delay graduation and at most result in program dismissal. If the background check discovers unreported misdemeanor or felony charges, misdemeanor or felony arrests, or misdemeanor convictions, a student will be found in violation of the disclosure policy and will be eligible for dismissal from the Program. Any felony convictions will result in immediate dismissal, thereby prohibiting graduation.

4. Immunizations

Students must update necessary immunizations in MyRecordTracker.

5. Toxicology Screen Prior to Second Clinical Year

Within eight weeks prior to the beginning of the second year, students are required to complete another urine drug screen. All testing must be conducted at Certiphii approved sites, which are available at www.applicationstation.com (program code is required). In preparation for a drug screen, students should bring a photo ID. A list of required toxicologies are provided in the table below.

| Toxicology Screen (Drug Test) | Laboratory evidence of a urine drug screen which includes the following toxicologies: amphetamines, cocaine metabolites, marijuana metabolites, opiates, phencyclidine, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, methadone, propoxyphene, and MDMA/Ecstasy is required. The lab report must be dated within eight weeks of matriculation and within eight weeks of the beginning of the clinical year. |

The OHIO Professional MSAT may require additional drug screens at any time necessary to meet the compliance requirements of a clinical site and “for cause.” “For cause” testing is at the discretion of the Professional MSAT Program Director or his/her/zir designee (e.g., Athletic Training faculty, preceptor, site supervisor) when concerns are raised regarding the performance, behavior, or actions of an athletic training student which (1) indicates a reasonable suspicion for impairment with drugs and/or alcohol, or (2) indicates a potential threat to patient and community safety. Once testing is ordered, it should be completed within 24 hours. Failure to complete testing in a timely manner may result in suspension from educational activities or other disciplinary action.
Testing “for cause” will done under the direct supervision of testing sites identified by Certiphi and all costs will be the responsibility of the student. A list of testing laboratories can be located on www.applicationstation.com or by calling Application Station Support at 1-888-291-1369 x 2006.

Positive Tests

Positive tests are reported by Certiphi’s Medical Review Officer (MRO) when a sample is determined to (1) contain one or more of the substances listed in the table above, (2) be an improper temperature, (3) be diluted, and/or (4) be a non-biological or inappropriate sample. Certiphi will notify the candidate via email once the drug test results are available. In the event a student tests positive, Certiphi’s Medical Review Officer (MRO) will call the impacted student. If the submitted sample tests positive for a prescription medication for which the student has a current and valid prescription, verification of prescription will be requested following the test results. It is advisable that a student on prescription medication be proactive and obtain proof from his/her/zir physician prior to the drug test as this will expedite the process once the MRO calls.

In cases of a positive that are not supported by a physician’s prescription (e.g., identified substance without prescription, improper temperature, dilute, or non-biological sample), a secondary confirmatory test will be conducted at the student’s expense. Immediate suspension from all educational activities will be imposed pending the results of the confirmatory test, which must be completed within 24 hours of the reported initial positive.

A positive confirmatory test will be determined by the MRO; positive tests include a positive sample or failure to submit to a confirmatory test within the specified time frame. A positive result on the confirmatory test will result in an indefinite suspension. Upon suspension a student will be encouraged to investigate the Program’s Leave of Absence policy (LOA) and seek the necessary treatment to ensure his/her/zir health and safety.
Program Orientation

All students will attend program orientation. Program orientation will begin on or about August 1st. Students will be notified by May 1st the official dates of orientation. The first half of orientation will focus on administrative tasks and important program information. The second half of orientation students will practice specific skills in preparation for the start of clinical experiences. These skills are part of AT 5921 Practicum I.

Objectives of Orientation

Introduce students to Ohio University

Provide students an overview of program policy and procedures

Prepare students for their clinical experiences

Tentative Orientation Schedule

Days 1 Through 5
- Overview of Policy and Procedures
- Campus tour
- Prepare for critical feedback
- Student ID
- Student insurance
- CLDC
- ATrack training

Days 6 Through 10
- Sexual harassment and misconduct training
- Mandatory reporter training
- Taping and wrapping review
- CPR/AED review
- First aid review
- Clinical education day
- CIPs
# Professional MSAT Curriculum Model

## Year 1

**Fall Semester**
- AT 5000 Therapeutic Interventions (3)
- AT 5010 Diagnosis & Care of LE Pathologies (5)
- AT 5011 LE Gross Anatomy (1)
- AT 5140 Medical Conditions in AT (2)
- AT 5921 Practicum I (2)

**Spring Semester**
- AT 5110 Diagnosis & Care of UE Pathologies (5)
- AT 5111 UE Gross Anatomy (1)
- AT 5130 Diagnosis & Care of Head & C-Spine (2)
- PT 7400 Evidence-Based Practice in PT (3) *IPE Course*
- AT 5150 Clinical Reasoning I (2)
- AT 5922 Practicum II (2)

**Total Credits = 13**

## Year 2

**Group A**
- AT 5910 Clinical Immersion (6)
- AT 5100 Orthopedic Appliance (2)
- AT 5230 Spine and Posture (3)
- AT 5923 Practicum III (1)

**Group B**
- Delivered online throughout semester
  - AT 5310 Pharmacology in AT (3)
  - AT 5250 Clinical Reasoning II (2)

**Spring Semester**
- AT 5910 Clinical Immersion (6)
- AT 5330 Clinical Reasoning III (2)
- AT 5924 Practicum IV (2)

**Total Credits = 15**

**Group A will complete an immersive with a fall preseason experience. This immersion will end at the 7th week of the Fall term.**

**Group B will occur if the size of the cohort dictates this.**

**Total Credits = 17**

**Total Credits = 16**
Academic Standards
Once admitted into the Program, students must maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA each term and must pass all AT classes with a grade of “C” or better.

- You must be registered for the subsequent semester courses by week 14 of the current semester.
- If you fail to maintain the minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 you will be placed on program probation. While on probation you may have limited clinical opportunities at the discretion of the Program Director.
- A passing grade in a prerequisite course must be achieved prior to enrollment in a more advanced course
- Practicum: If you fail to receive a “C” or better in a practicum course (AT 5921, 5922, 5923, 5924), you will be suspended from the Program. This may delay your graduation. You may not enroll in the next practicum course in the sequence until this deficiency is remedied.
- Clinical Immersive: AT 5910 are two clinical immersive experiences. Students must earn a “C” or better in order to advance to the second immersive and/or graduate.

Remediation/Course Failure
A student who earns a failing course grade is required to remediate that course, except for situations addressed in the dismissal policy.

When a student receives a final grade in a course that is less than a C, the course instructor will notify and forward all supporting documentation to the Program Director. When all the information is received, the Program Director will then forward all supporting documentation to the chair of the Student Progress Committee (SPC) for review. The SPC will meet within one week to review the case and approve/disapprove remediation.

If the Student Progress Committee (SPC) recommends remediation, the student remediates a failing course grade as follows:

- The student will begin a six-week self-guided study and review of content and skills from the course that was failed.
- The student is expected to continue regular course work during the following semester in addition to the course being remediated.
- A final comprehensive examination for the course being remediated is administered at the end of the six-week period, in the same format as the examination for the failed course.
- If the student passes the final examination, the grade of the failed course is revised on the student's transcript to reflect the minimum passing grade "C." The student's file will include information about the failed course and successful remediation.
- If the student fails the final examination, the student's transcript will reflect the original grade for the course. This constitutes failing the same course twice and is grounds for dismissal as detailed in the dismissal policy.
- Each course failure, even if successfully remediated, counts toward the maximum number of two course failures as grounds for dismissal as detailed in the dismissal policy.

Dismissal
Grounds for dismissal include but are not limited to the following:

- Failure to raise the cumulative GPA above 3.0 at the completion the subsequent academic semester of probation.
- Two or more course failures (course grades below a C).
- Failure to meet conditions established in a remediation agreement or behavioral learning contract.
- Lapses in professionalism.
- Level III policy violation
Graduation Requirements
To graduate from the Professional MSAT Program and be awarded the Masters of Science in Athletic Training degree, students must pass each required course with a grade of “C” or better and have a cumulative program GPA of 3.0 or better. In addition, students must meet the minimum requirements of the following summative evaluations:

- MOCK BOC examination
- Objective Structured Clinical Exam – OSCE
- Professional Behavior Assessment
- Complete payment of all tuition, program fees, university fees, and library charges

Refunds of Tuition and Fees
Refunds of tuition and fees are handled by the Ohio University Bursar. Please visit the Ohio University Bursar’s website for additional information.

Withdrawal, Cancelling Registration, Dropping Classes
Please see Ohio University’s policy of withdrawal, cancelling registration, and dropping classes.

Leave of Absence and Deceleration
Leave of Absence refers to a disruption in a student's academic progress of two weeks or more. If a student encounters medical and/or personal difficulties that would prevent normal program in the Program, the student may petition the Program Director for a leave of absence. The Program Director will present the request to the Student Progress Committee (SPC) for consideration for a final decision. If the request is deemed appropriate by the Program Director and SPC, and the student is in good academic standing at the time of the request, the Program Director may grant the leave of absence. A leave of absence is not considered in the case of academic probation or any other situation that would be considered grounds for dismissal (refer to withdraw and dismissal policies, respectively).

The student's written request for a leave of absence must include his/her reasons for the request, the amount of leave time desired and a suggested plan for completion of the Program. If a leave is taken for medical reasons, prior to returning the Program requires certification from a licensed healthcare professional attesting to a student's fitness to resume coursework. Any potential tuition and fee refund is subject to University policy and drop deadlines.

A student who is granted a leave of absence is expected to complete all missed course work and/or courses. In the event the leave will disrupt completion of didactic courses, this will result in deceleration which is defined as "any disruption in the student's progress that will extend the date of graduation beyond that of his/her cohort."

Upon deceleration, the student will be required to withdraw from the Program and have the option to reregister and take courses from the beginning upon return to the Program. Since courses in the Professional MSAT Program are offered only once per academic year and serve as prerequisites for subsequent courses, the leave of absence typically lasts for one year during the didactic curriculum. A leave of absence is not granted for longer than 12 months. A leave of absence is only permitted ONCE.

Safe Harbor
The Professional MSAT Program has a Safe Harbor Program for students. The Professional MSAT Program believes that students who have a drug and/or alcohol addiction deserve help. If an athletic training student brings their own use, addition, or dependency to the attention to any athletic training division faculty (outside the annual drug screening, the threat of drug tests, or imposition of the conduct) and seeks assistance, a conduct incident will not be pursued. A written action plan will be used to track cooperation with the Safe Harbor Program by the student. This may result in a leave of absence or deceleration of the Program. Failure to follow the action plan may nullify the Safe Harbor protection and the Athletic Training Student Code of Conduct process will be initiated.
Grievances

The College of Health Sciences and Professions policy on grade and disciplinary appeals can be found at: College Policy and Procedure about Grade and Disciplinary Appeals
Additional Program Expenses

Participation in the Program includes expenses that are not incurred by the general Ohio University student population. The Program makes every attempt to decrease associated expenses; the following is a summary of these program-specific costs:

Program Fee
A $30 per credit per semester program fee will be assessed to students. Program fees provide support for the Professional MSAT Program and assist in providing quality education for all students. Program fees are used to support the following:
- Supplies and equipment for didactic courses and clinical education
- Technology support, equipment, and supplies for classroom
- Clothing and supplies required by clinical sites for clinical education (i.e. nametags & shirts)
- Professional membership dues
- Operational and administrative expenses associated with the MSAT Program

Course Fee
- AT 5100: Orthopedic Appliance $95

Financial aid can be used to cover program fees. Without program fees, students would be required to pay numerous fees and additional expenses out of pocket.

Background Check and Toxicology Screening
Ohio law mandates criminal records checks for all prospective employees in positions where the individual will be caring for older adults or children. Additionally, a criminal record check and toxicology screening for all clinical students is a standard criterion in affiliation agreements with clinical training sites. Therefore, all students are required to obtain a criminal background check and toxicology screen prior to each academic year. The cost of the background checks and toxicology screen are the responsibility of the student. Cost of the background check is dependent on number of names and addresses of the student and can range from $76 to $100. Toxicology screening will cost approximately $29.

Immunization Record and Health Screening
Participation in an educational program preparing students to become healthcare practitioners may expose students and their patients to diseases. For the safety of students and patients, all students admitted to the MSAT Program must have up-to-date vaccinations and immunity. Students must be fully immunized for the following: hepatitis B, rubeola (measles), mumps, rubella, tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis, and chicken pox. Students must also have an annual influenza vaccination and tuberculosis screening. Student will utilize myRecordTracker® which costs $21 during year one and $10 each following year.

Professional Liability Insurance
Students are required to provide proof of professional liability insurance prior to the first day of classes for each academic year. For example, Healthcare Providers Service Organization (HPSO) provides athletic training students professional liability insurance at a rate of ~$38.00 per year for Ohio AT student residents. Rates will vary and will depend on several factors, including your state of residency, if you hold any additional certifications/licenses, etc. Once you have obtained coverage, a PDF copy, including your zip code of the address you used when purchasing your HSPO insurance, must be immediately emailed to the Clinical Director. Proof of current coverage must be on file throughout your enrollment in the Program. Internship sites will be provided policy information upon request.

Contact Information:
Healthcare Providers Service Organization (HPSO)
159 E. County Line Road
ECC Certification
Current CPR/AED certification, in accordance with BOC standards, is required for all students enrolled in the Professional MSAT Program at Ohio University. The certification must (1) be on file with the Program and (2) must remain current while enrolled in the Program. Students must possess and are responsible for maintaining a copy of their certification. Any change or new certifications must be provided to the Program.

Travel Costs
Students are required to provide their own transportation to their clinical sites. Clinical assignments vary and may occur off campus.

Housing Costs
Students are required to secure their own housing for the duration of the Program including during their immersive clinical experiences (AT 5910) which may occur a significant distance from Ohio University’s main campus.

Clothing
Students are required to supply their own clothing that meets the standards of the Program. Students may be provided with clothing from their clinical sites but this is not a guarantee. Clothing must be neutral, and branding may reflect Ohio University, or the clinical site’s logo.

Health Insurance
All Ohio University students are required by university policy to have health insurance coverage at all times while enrolled. At the time of registration for classes, students are automatically enrolled in and charged for health insurance unless they specifically opt out. Any and all expenses resulting from an injury or illness that occurs during clinical education/experience will be the financial responsibility of the student.

Student Employment
The OHIO Professional MSAT Program is rigorous and all students are encouraged to focus on academic studies; thus, employment is strongly discouraged. All candidates should consider acceptance to the OHIO Professional MSAT Program as a 24-month, full-time commitment.

If a student decides to work while admitted to the professional MSAT Program:

- Work schedules shall not interfere with classes or clinical rotations.
- Students may not work for the OHIO Professional MSAT Program.

Students with specific prior knowledge, experience, and skills may assist faculty in didactic and laboratory sessions. During clinical rotations, students must not be used to substitute for clinical or administrative staff at clinical sites.
Financial Aid and Academic Scholarship

Institutional and professional scholarships are available to students who wish to apply. These are sponsored either by the Athletics Department, the University, the College, or the School. Scholarships specific to the School of Applied Health Sciences and Wellness can be obtained by completing the FAFSA in January prior to the start of the school year and turning all relevant/requested information to Ohio University's Financial Aid Office. More information can be found at: ohio.edu/financialaid/

There are also scholarships offered by professional associations (e.g., NATA, GLATA, and OATA) and Ohio University's athletic conference (MAC). Students have to be nominated by the athletic training faculty or staff for many of these, and student membership in the organization is often required.

Specific Athletic Training Scholarship Information

**Charles “Skip” Vosler Athletic Training Leadership Award:** This award, endowed in 2005, recognizes the contributions of Charles “Skip” Vosler and his assistants. From 1971 to 1997, Vosler served as Ohio University’s head athletic trainer and shaped the nationally recognized athletic training major. The award recognizes an outstanding athletic training student who has demonstrated excellence in the classroom and leadership as a athletic training student while maintaining high ethical and professional standards. Must hold NATA membership and have a minimum GPA of 3.3.

**Robert W. Sutton Athletic Training Scholarship:** Established in recognition and memory of Robert W. Sutton, who earned a master’s degree with a concentration in athletic training from Ohio University in 1980, and to honor his dedication to helping others as an athletic trainer. Awarded to a professional athletic training major who has demonstrated academic merit, a strong desire to enter the athletic training profession upon graduation, and exceptional ability to learn hands-on athletic training techniques. Must have minimum GPA of 3.0.

**Paul G. Miller Scholarship:** The Paul G. Miller Scholarship is to be awarded to full-time, degree-seeking students enrolled in or accepted for admission to the University and the Athletic Training Program; with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25. Financial need will be considered for this scholarship.

**James G. Burkhouse Memorial Scholarship:** Established by Dale Burkhouse, a graduate of Ohio University’s Athletic Training Program in honor of his father, James G. Burkhouse. Awarded to a professional athletic training student who has demonstrated excellence in academic and clinical experience. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

**Jim and Suzi Wycoff Athletic Trainers Scholarship:** This scholarship is in Memory of Ray and Jeanne Lacey Wycoff and is awarded to a full-time professional athletic training student.

**Dr. Phillip J. Woodworth Endowment for an Athletic Trainer:** This scholarship is awarded to an athletic training student who has completed a clinical experience with intercollegiate athletics.

**Al Hart Award:** Presented to an athletic training student who demonstrate excellent academic achievement and athletic training skills.
**Clinical Education**

The clinical education course sequence is designed to provide students with the opportunity to synthesize and apply what is learned in the classroom and laboratory on a patient population. Through both observation and participation, students will have the opportunity to experience and participate in the practice of athletic training. To different degrees, students will be involved in injury prevention, management, and rehabilitation of orthopedic injuries including exposure to general medical conditions and emergency care with the clinical sites you are assigned. Students will have the opportunity to provide health care services for practice and game situations and may have the opportunity to travel to away events under the direct supervision of a preceptor.

After being admitted into the Program, students are required to accumulate clinical experiences in a variety of clinical settings under direct supervision of a preceptor over a minimum of two academic years. Students are responsible for keeping an accurate record of experiences. Clinical experiences will be logged into ATrack. ATrack is required in order to keep record of your clinical work for each practicum course. Evaluations, student information/profile, including completed trainings and certificates, or related clinical documents will be kept on this system. Clinical experience time and case logs must be verified by your preceptor, totaled, and submitted within four days. Any new additions or requirements for ATrack will be made known to the student and can be made at any time during the academic year. All requirements provided must be met in order to successfully pass practicum.

**Clinical Education Plan**

The clinical education plan includes three different clinical experiences all completed with the direct supervision of a preceptor.

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**Traditional Clinical or Clinical Integration**: Students will attend class in the morning. They will attend their clinical assignment before or after classes (most commonly after classes). Completed during the first year of the Program.

**Emergent Settings**: Students will rotate through shortened rotations at various emergent settings such as EMS, Physician’s offices, surgery observations, performing arts, rodeo, etc. Completed during the second year of the Program.

**Clinical Immersion**: Students will not attend classes but may be engaged in an online class and will be fully immersed in a clinical setting. Students are expected to be present at their clinical site if their preceptor is present. The student will gain between 30 and 40 hours a week of experience. An immersive clinical experience is a practice-intensive experience that allows the student to experience the totality of care provided by athletic trainers. This experience will
assist in developing autonomy, refining professional behaviors, and gaining the confidence required for professional practice. Completed during the second year of the Program.

The general objectives of Clinical Immersion are:
- Develop independent thinking and decision-making skills
- Expand clinical knowledge and hands-on patient care skills
- Refine the interpersonal skills and attitudes necessary for effective patient care interaction and communication
- Promote the continued development of self-evaluation and clinical problem-solving skills
- Facilitate clarification of career objectives
- Facilitate the transition from the role of student to healthcare provider

Clinical Assignments
Clinical education assignments will be made in advance to permit students to plan travel needs and, when appropriate, plan early returns over winter, spring, and summer breaks. Assignments are the responsibility of the Clinical Director in consultation with the Professional Program Director. All clinical assignments are tentative and subject to change at any time. All second year students will be required to complete two clinical immersions (AT 5910). The fall clinical immersion must include a preseason experience. While enrolled in the Program, students will have a practicum placement and continue to be engaged in clinical education. Students must be registered in a practicum class in order to be engaged in a clinical experience.

Clinical rotations are designed to provide students with experience within a variety of different settings and patients. Clinical experiences must include, but are not limited to: throughout the lifespan, different sexes, different socioeconomic statuses, varying levels of activity and athletic ability, and those who participate in non-sport activities. All students are required to obtain all clinical education experiences under the direct supervision of a preceptor who is an AT or MD/DO. Students will obtain clinical education experiences and additional clinical experiences through rotations within intercollegiate athletics, high schools, physician’s offices, hospitals, clinics, club sports, and non-traditional settings.

Preseason
The fall preseason is a unique healthcare experience as many traditional settings (high school and collegiate) practice multiple times a day and experience many effects of high heat and humidity. For this reason, all second year students will be required to complete a fall preseason clinical experience as a part of their fall immersive. Only fall immersive experiences with a preseason component will be approved.

Clinical Education Time Expectations
Students are expected to engage in appropriate levels of clinical engagement. As such the following expectations will be held:

Year 1:
All students will be engaged each week of clinical education. Within an academic semester (Weeks 1 through 15) students are expected to complete a minimum of 200 hours with a maximum of 400 hours. More specific information is included in each course syllabus.

The academic semester consists of the 15-week period of classes. Clinical engagement is not required during final exam week. Students must have at least one day off per seven-day period. A week is defined as Sunday through Saturday.

Year 2:
During Immersive experiences (AT 5910) students are expected to engage on a full-time basis at their clinical site. Within an academic semester (Preseason through week 8) students are expected to complete a minimum of 240 hours with a maximum of 400 hours.
- Fall immersive experiences must include a pre-season experience that must be completed in full as determined by instructor. Time will vary depending on the site. For each week of preseason, a student must complete a minimum of 30 hours. Students may be exempted from this if they are ill per the communicable disease policy.
During practicum courses (AT 5923 & AT 5924) students are expected to engage in clinical experiences each week. These clinical experiences will be described in more detail in the practicum course syllabi.

**Clinical Immersion**

The clinical immersion (AT 5910) is designed to provide students a full-time immersive clinical experience. Students will be able to be fully immersed because they will only be in asynchronous online courses during the clinical immersion. The fall clinical immersion will consist of a preseason experience. The Program feels that is important because there are numerous patient injuries and illnesses that are unique to this time period. The spring clinical immersion will provide students with more variety of opportunity in allowing other athletic training settings. This will allow students to explore an immersive setting they are interested in. The process for obtaining a clinical immersion is detailed below.

**Fall Clinical Immersion Placement Process**

Students are required to submit program cover letters and resumes by October 28th. Preceptors will be provided copies on November 1st. Preceptors will communicate a list of students they would like to interview by November 15th. Students have until December 1st to decide who they will interview with. Students must call and decline any offered interviews. Students must then send a thank you letter to the preceptor (that is approved by the Clinical Director) thanking the preceptor for the opportunity. Students must complete their interviews by December 15th. On December 16th, students must provide a ranking of their top three choices. Students will be notified by December 31st which immersive clinical site they have been assigned. Students are expected to write a thank you note to all preceptors with whom they interviewed.

**Spring Clinical Immersion Placement Process**

Students are required to submit program cover letters and resumes by February 28th. Preceptors will be provided copies on March 1st. Preceptors will communicate a list of students they would like to interview by March 15th. Students have until April 1st to decide who they will interview with. Students must call and decline any offered interviews. Students must then send a thank you letter to the preceptor (that is approved by the Clinical Director) thanking them for the opportunity. Students must complete their interviews by April 15th. On April 16th, students must provide a ranking of their top three choices. Students will be notified by April 31st which immersive clinical site they have been assigned. Students are expected to write a thank you note to all preceptors with whom they interviewed.

**Clinical Immersion Site Requests**

Sometimes students have a desire to complete their clinical immersion at a site that is not currently approved by the Professional MSAT Program. If students wish to pursue a site like this, they must provide the information to the Clinical Director no later than the first day of the semester of the preceding year. For example for a fall immersive you must provide site information by the first day of fall classes in year 1. All fall immersive sites must include a preseason. The Program will then review the information on the potential site and notify the student if it is approved no later than October 1st (of year 1) for fall and February 1st (of year 1) for spring clinical immersions.
Clinical Education Policies

Athletic Training Clinical Site Policies
The following is provided by the Professional MSAT program as a supplement the established policies at your clinical site.

1. At all times the preceptor will directly supervise all students.
3. Complete assigned tasks in an appropriate and timely manner.
4. Maintain HIPAA and FERPA standards, respecting the right of confidentiality of the patients and their medical conditions.
5. Use the proper channels to communicate with your preceptor. Provide prompt notification for any schedule changes or anticipated tardiness etc.
6. Using OSHA guidelines, practice standard precautions and maintain excellent sanitary conditions.
7. Obtain approval for all treatments from preceptor. Never leave a patient unattended during a treatment. Clinical skills must be taught by the preceptor or learned in the academic classes prior to application in the clinic.
8. Students are required to attend scheduled clinical education assignments as per preceptor’s discretion, this is including, but not limited to, holiday breaks, vacations etc. The student and the preceptor will discuss the schedule accordingly. This discussion should occur no later than the first day of the assigned clinical experience.
9. Outside activities shall not interfere with the student’s clinical schedule. Clinical education assignments are part of your academic practicum class.

Emergency Action Plans
Students will receive a preseason site orientation given by the preceptor. The orientation will familiarize the student with the established Policies & Procedures and emergency action plans for each facility you are assigned, prior to or at the start of the rotation. Emergency action plans are venue-specific and describe conditions and circumstances that create challenges not usually seen in standard emergency responses. In the event of an emergency, follow the procedures designated by your athletic training facility and/or venue. You should also carry a list of emergency phone numbers and contacts to assist in any emergency.

Student Travel
Supervision requirements established by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), the Board of Certification (BOC), the Ohio Athletic Training Practice Act, and Ohio University’s Professional MSAT Program tightly stipulate continuous supervision requirements for students engaged in clinical education. Students are prohibited from traveling with a team unless accompanied by an AT or MD/DO.

Attendance
Absence from a Clinical Assignment
Clinical education is a class (housed in the AT practicum and AT immersive courses). If a clinical experience is missed for any unexcused reason, the preceptor will submit a Policy Violation Form to the Clinical Director and will result in a Level I policy violation. Family emergencies will be handled on a case by case basis. If this situation should arise it is the student’s responsibility to inform your preceptor and the Clinical Director as soon as possible.

For anticipated absences from a clinical assignment, you must complete a Request for Leave of Absence form (Appendix E). This form must be submitted to and approved by the preceptor and then submitted to the Clinical Director for approval a minimum of one week before the scheduled absence. Both approved and declined requests will be kept in the student’s academic file. Failure to follow the appropriate procedures/timeline will result in filing a Level I policy violation. In the event that a request for leave of absence is denied, and the student is absent, the student will receive a Level I policy violation.

Tardiness
You are expected to report on time to the events of your assigned clinical site. If class attendance is required during regularly scheduled practice times you must report immediately after class is finished. If you are late to a clinical experience for any unexcused reason the preceptor can submit a Policy Violation Form to the Clinical Director and result in a Level I policy violation (Appendix E). Please communicate any anticipated changes in schedule or tardiness to the preceptor immediately.
Religious Holiday Policy
Upon request, students will be excused from their clinical education in observance of a religious holiday, but may be required to make up the time missed. Students must complete a Request for Leave of Absence form a minimum of one week before the scheduled absence. This form must be submitted to their preceptor and then submitted to the Clinical Director for approval. All requests will be kept in the student’s academic file.

Extracurricular Activities Policy
Club sports, intramural activities, sorority/fraternity activities, etc. are not prohibited, but cannot interfere with your clinical experiences. Special arrangements and/or special scheduling considerations will not be made for any extracurricular activities. Students are permitted to participate in intercollegiate athletics, with an appropriate agreement between the student, coach, and Program Director.

Inclement Weather
As an athletic training student you will be exposed to various weather conditions during your clinical experiences. The following extreme weather conditions may result in the cancellation or postponement of practices and/or games. It is the responsibility of the student to confirm with his/her preceptor whether these conditions also result in cancellation of the day’s clinical experience.

- Mandatory Ohio University or secondary school closings due to inclement weather.
- Rain storms in which thunder and lightning are present.
- Environmental conditions which present an immediate unsafe condition such as tornado warnings.

Communicable Diseases
As a student you may be exposed to various communicable diseases during your clinical assignments. If you contract one of these diseases, regardless of the source, contact your preceptor and Clinical Director and request permission to not attend your clinical experience until the symptoms are reduced. You must verify your illness with a physician’s note. Communicable diseases include but are not limited to:

- Influenza
- Mononucleosis
- Strep Throat
- Common Cold
- Conjunctivitis
- Bronchitis

Although you may be excused from your clinical assignment, you may still be required to complete clinical experience duties/assignments once you recover from your illness to compensate for the time missed. Please discuss with your Preceptor if you will need to make up missed time and confirm with the Clinical Director. If you believe that you have been exposed to a blood borne pathogen, please complete the steps outlined in Appendix C within 24 hours of exposure.

Patient Confidentiality
All individuals will adhere to the following policy regarding confidentiality. Anyone failing to adhere to this policy will be subject to disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the Division of Athletic Training and the Clinical Director. Students have an obligation to all patients, coaches, preceptors, and Ohio University to maintain confidentiality with any patient information they acquire while at their clinical site. Medical information is considered confidential. This includes (but is not limited to) any information about a patient’s medical condition, the management and rehabilitation of any medical conditions, or any information you acquire in the locker rooms, athletic training facilities, physician offices, or any information that is not considered to be public knowledge. No information should be discussed or shared on any social media site or with anyone not directly relating to the responsibility of the patient’s care. To comply with HIPAA regulations, you must also not exchange information over email, text, etc., unless you are using a specifically encrypted means of communication. Discussing a general patient’s condition or care within the academic classroom is an acceptable means, as long as you do not discuss any identifying factors related to the patient.

As a healthcare provider, you will be held to a higher standard and will be trusted with confidential information to act with integrity regarding these matters. The professional rapport you establish with athletes, coaches, physicians, patients, athletic training students, and ATs can be jeopardized by lack of discretion or disclosure of privileged information. See Appendix C for HIPAA Privacy Training.

Relationship to the Student Body, General Public, and Media
You may experience a time where you will be questioned regarding the health or playing status of an athlete. Such information is confidential and is not to be made available to the public, Patient’s family members (including parents) or friends, or any outside source (even if they claim to be a medical professional), other than the assigned medical
personnel directly responsible for the patient involved (ie; AT, Team Physician, or EMS). Be courteous and tactful, but DO NOT DISCUSS the health status of any athlete with anyone. **Immediately refer these questions to the AT.**

**Dress Code**

Students are expected to adhere to the appropriate clinical dress code at all scheduled times while in any of the Ohio University MSAT Program clinical settings. Students must maintain a neat and professional appearance in attire and grooming. Be reminded that when wearing the Ohio University Logo you not only represent the athletic training faculty and staff, but also the Program and University, therefore, should act accordingly. If you do not adhere to the dress code, you will be sent home to change and your preceptor will submit a Policy Violation Form to the Clinical Director. If a student is sent home, he/she/ze is expected to return in a timely manner.

**Clinical Education Attire**

The following program policies apply:

1. Pants or shorts (no shorter than mid-thigh) should be an appropriate length and be consistent with a professional image. Khaki, blue, and black colors are recommended. **JEANS OR LEGGINGS (including khaki skinny leg and yoga pants) ARE NOT ALLOWED AT ANY TIME.**
2. Toe covering shoes must be worn at all times. Sandals, flip-flops or open-toed shoes are not acceptable (in accordance with OSHA Standards). It is not advised that high heels be worn during your clinicals. Snow boots, galoshes, and platform heels are prohibited.
3. Hats with the Ohio University logo or school logo to which you are assigned are acceptable at outdoor practices, but are not to be worn in the athletic training facility.
4. No logos of other professional, collegiate, or high school teams are to be worn while at your clinic site. Writing should either be the Ohio University athletic training logo or your assigned site’s logo. Neutral colors are considered most professionally appropriate.
5. Clothing and shoes must be neat, clean, and professional (i.e., no holes, wrinkles, frays).
6. Maintain proper attire **at all times** while representing the Ohio University’s Athletic Training Program, this includes tucking in shirts. Physical appearance should be clean, neat and professional. A belt is recommended.
7. Do not wear your Ohio University Athletic Training attire in places or situations that would be professionally inappropriate.
8. With the exception of outdoor preseason events, gym shorts, sweat pants, wind pants etc. are prohibited.
9. Athletic Training Students are functioning as healthcare professionals and must continue to present themselves in a clean and sanitary condition in order to conduct undisruptive patient care. Athletic Training Students must not be offensive in odor, including but not limited to wearing excess amount of colognes/perfumes, body odor etc.

**Jewelry/Hair Styles Etc.**

1. Excessive face, neck, wrist, skin, and finger jewelry/piercings are not conducive to a safe working environment, nor does it exhibit a professional appearance. Long hair should be pulled back appropriately as not to interfere with the patient’s care or other clinical tasks. All hair, including facial, should be clean and neatly groomed.
2. Students assigned to an intercollegiate setting are subject to the athletic department or individual team policies on dress and hair (including facial hair).
3. Fingernails must also be kept trimmed and clean. Long nails are not conducive in maintaining sanitary conditions while providing healthcare services.
4. If tattoos are visible, they must not be offensive or derogatory in nature. At the discretion of the Preceptor, Athletic Director, or Clinical Director, you may be expected to cover you tattoos.
Athletic Training Student Code of Conduct

Ohio University Students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. Honesty and respect towards fellow students, patients, coaches, preceptors, licensed athletic trainers, physicians, athletic department personnel, officials, and faculty must be demonstrated at all times. Unprofessional conduct will not be tolerated. Violation of the Athletic Training Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action. Students must follow the policies and procedures described in this document and abide by the Ohio Athletic Training Practice Act, the NATA Code of Ethics (regardless of membership status), the BOC’s Standards of Professional Practice, and adhere to the College and University’s Student Code of Conduct.

Students must download, read, and save the following documents, which are considered a part of this manual:

Ohio University Student Code of Conduct

- [https://www.ohio.edu/communitystandards/upload/Student-Code-of-Conduct-082417.pdf](https://www.ohio.edu/communitystandards/upload/Student-Code-of-Conduct-082417.pdf)

Ohio Practice Act

- [http://otptat.ohio.gov](http://otptat.ohio.gov)

NATA Code of Ethics

- [http://www.nata.org/codeofethics](http://www.nata.org/codeofethics)

BOC Standards of Professional Practice


Violations of Policy and Procedures

Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct and/or the Policies described in this document will result in one of the following disciplinary actions at the discretion of the Program Director and/or University Legal Counsel. These infractions will become part of your permanent record.

**Level I:** Minor transgressions of the Program’s policies. A policy violation form (Appendix D) will be completed and returned to the Program Director and the Clinical Director. Appropriate points will be deducted from AT practicum courses for each Level I policy violation. Violations which occur at clinical placements may result in temporary suspension from that placement. Examples of infractions: Tardiness to clinical assignments, inappropriate clinical attire, inappropriate classroom behavior, failure to complete minimum weekly clinical engagement hour requirement, etc.

_Three Level I policy violations in a single semester or a cumulative total of six over the duration of the Program will result in a student being placed on probationary status for the rest of the semester and the next academic semester (does not include summer semester). A behavioral contract will be signed by the student, Program Director, and Clinical Director. If a student receives a Level I or Level II policy violation while on probation the student may be dismissed from the Program._

**Level II:** Failure to achieve a passing grade (letter grade of C or better) in AT classes, plagiarism, cheating, and misconduct that does not rise to a Level III violation at a clinical site (i.e. social media contact with patients, social media posting which violates HIPAA, class disruption) will result in a Level II policy violation. Level II policy violations may result in immediate probationary status for the rest of the semester and the next academic semester (does not include summer semester).

_If a student receives a Level I or Level II policy violation while on probation the student may be dismissed from the Program._

**Level III:** Violation of the Standards for Professional Practice or Ohio State Practice Act, severe ethical breaches, or compromising patient health and well-being will result in a Level III policy violation. Level III policy violations will result in dismissal from the Program or referral to student judiciaries or professional authorities when applicable.
Program Meetings

In-service meetings are presented to the Program to provide insight into various aspects of the broad field of sports medicine. These will be announced in advance and generally scheduled for the evening and/or weekend. In-services are mandatory.

Program meetings are scheduled periodically as a way to provide program updates. Program meetings are mandatory.

If you miss an in-service or Program meeting you must submit proof of emergency to the Program Director in writing within 24 hours of the event. If you miss a Program meeting for an unexcused reason, a Policy Violation form will be completed to document the offense and kept in your permanent student file. You will not be allowed to begin your clinicals until you have received and reviewed the information presented at the required meetings.

Program Expectations

Disclosure Policy- Reporting of Arrests and Convictions During Enrollment

While enrolled in the Program, any charges, arrests, or convictions must be reported to the Program Director in writing within 48 hours of infraction. Failure to report any charges, arrests, convictions to the Program Director within 48 hours may result in dismissal from the Program. Disclosures, along with required documentation and any other pertinent records, will be evaluated by the Ohio University Athletic Training Faculty on a case-by-case basis. Any and all supporting documentation will be shredded after the student has been informed of the faculty’s decision. The only documentation that will remain in a student’s permanent record will be the (1) disclosure statement and (2) the faculty’s deciding vote. Permanent records are maintained in a locked file cabinet within a locked office at all times. Pending proper disclosure, leaves of absence, may be arranged for individuals requiring medical care.

Nametag
Students are required to wear their nametag provided by the Program at all times during clinical experiences.

Classroom Attendance and Behavior

Instructors develop their own attendance policies that are communicated through the course syllabus. The Program expects proper and prompt attendance for all scheduled courses. You represent the Division of Athletic Training in all of your courses. We expect that you always demonstrate professional integrity, respect, and behavior at all times.

Academic examinations are handed back to students for the purpose of reflective learning. It is an egregious act of misconduct for students to redistribute exams to other peers or share test information. Any suspected acts will be referred to Ohio University Judiciary Office of Community Standards and Student Responsibility.

Classroom Technology Policy

The use of cell phones (ie. texting, playing games, Facebook, etc.) during class lecture and laboratory is strictly prohibited. Students may not record lectures (video or audio) without the instructor’s permission.

The use of computers/tablets is permitted during class at the discretion of the instructor. The viewing of non-academic sites during class or lab time is prohibited.

Violation of this policy can result in dismissal from the class, an unexcused absence, and/or a policy violation, at the discretion of the instructor.

Social Media

Students are expected to continue to maintain patient confidentiality even in the spirit of self-expression through social media. Inappropriate use of social media involving your responsibilities or privileges as an Athletic Training Student will not be tolerated.

Please keep in mind everything that you decide to share through social media is public. Although social media is a component of your private life, keep in mind that you are still representing our Program, the University, and the profession of athletic training. Many people within our field have access to these online networks and maybe viewed by
other professionals and potential employers.

If any distasteful means or inappropriate behaviors are displayed or shared through your social media, you are subject to disciplinary action or expulsion from the Program at the discretion of the Program Director.

**Email Communication**

All email communication with faculty, staff, preceptors etc. must be done through students’ Ohio University email accounts. All email communication should be conducted in a professional manner.

**Interpersonal Relationships**

Per the Ohio Athletic Training Practice Act and Ohio University policy, athletic trainers, including athletic training students, must avoid placing themselves in a romantic, sexual, or social relationship with individuals who supervise them or for whom they provide care, including faculty, administrators, coaches, athletes, and patients.

**High Schools**

Athletic training students shall not be involved in a sexual or social relationship with students, coaches, parents, preceptors, teachers, or administrators at their assigned high school. Violation of this policy shall result in the immediate removal from the site, possible suspension of Program, possible expulsion from Ohio University, and possible criminal action if the high school student is not of the age of consent. At the discretion of Ohio University Legal Council, a complaint may be filed with the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Training Board.

**Intercollegiate Athletics and Club Sports**

Relationships, including inappropriate or excessive socialization, between professional students assigned to preceptors working within Ohio University Intercollegiate Athletics or Club Sports and Ohio University Intercollegiate or Club Sports student-athletes are strongly discouraged. At no time shall a student be involved in a consensual relationship with an athlete for whose medical care he or she is responsible.

If a student becomes involved in a relationship with an Ohio University student-athlete, the athletic training student must immediately inform the head AT/preceptor and the Clinical Director. If a determination is made that the relationship may compromise the health care of the student-athlete, the student may be reassigned to safeguard the student-athlete. This decision is made at the discretion of the head AT/preceptor and the Clinical Director.

If there is sufficient credible evidence that this policy has been violated, the student will be removed from the clinical site and dismissed from the Program. If warranted, a complaint will be filed with the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Training Board and the Ohio University Office of Equity and Civil Rights.

**Relationships with Graduate Assistant (GA) Athletic Trainers**

To ensure that all grading and assessments within the professional Athletic Training Program are fair and objective, relationships, including inappropriate or excessive socialization, between GA athletic trainers and students who the GA supervises and/or evaluates are prohibited. If a GA becomes involved in a relationship with a professional student, the GA and the student must immediately inform the Clinical Director, regardless if there is not currently a supervisory relationship. This will prevent the student from being assigned to the GA in the future.

If sufficient evidence is made that a GA and a professional student have violated this policy and not informed the Clinical Director, he or she will be removed from the clinical site and will receive a program policy violation.
Appendix A

This form is offered to the candidate as a means to evaluate your potential for meeting the criteria for working with vulnerable populations as determined by a federal and state background check; the answers below are for personal reflection only. Results are NOT required to be shared with the Program. Instead, the goal is to provide guidance on the background check process prior to investing additional resources in the admission process, including housing deposits, immunizations, titers, and drug screens. If you answer “YES” to any of the following questions, you are welcome to discuss your situation with the Program Director.

These questions have been modified from the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers’ Board’s application for license to practice.

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<td>Have you ever been convicted, found or plead guilty of a violation of any law, regardless of the legal jurisdiction, other than a minor traffic violation? [NOTE: DUI is NOT considered a minor traffic violation]</td>
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<td>Have you ever been denied licensure to practice as a healthcare professional in Ohio, another state, or US territory?</td>
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<td>Have you ever been disciplined in any state or US territory in which you have ever held a license as a healthcare professional?</td>
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<td>Have you ever voluntarily surrendered any professional license, certificate, or registration issued in Ohio, another state, or US territory?</td>
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<td>Have you ever been diagnosed as having, or have you been treated for, pedophilia, exhibitionism, or voyeurism?</td>
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For purposes of the following questions, the “ability to practice medicine” is to be construed to include all of the following:
The cognitive capacity to make appropriate clinical diagnoses and exercise reasoned medical judgments and to learn and keep abreast of medical developments;
The ability to communicate medical judgments and information to patients and other healthcare providers; and
The physical capability to perform medical tasks such as physical examination and surgical procedures.

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<td>Have you, since attaining the age of eighteen or within the last ten years, whichever period is shorter, been admitted to a hospital or other facility for the treatment of bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, paranoia, or any other psychotic disorder?</td>
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<td>Do you use chemical substance(s) which in any way impair or limit your ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety? “Chemical substances” is to be construed to include alcohol, drugs, or medications including those taken pursuant to a valid prescription for legitimate medical purposes</td>
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and in accordance with the prescriber’s direction, as well as those used illegally.

| Are you currently engaged in the illegal use of controlled substances? If “YES,” are you currently participating in a supervised rehabilitation program or professional assistance program which monitors you in order to assure that you are not using illegal controlled substances. |
|---|---|

Please direct any questions to Dr. Kristine Ensign, who can be reached by phone (740.593.9497) or email (ensign@ohio.edu)
Ohio University’s Professional Athletic Training Program is a rigorous and intense program that places specific physical, cognitive, and emotional demands on its students. An objective of this program is to prepare graduates to enter a variety of employment settings and to provide care to a wide spectrum of individuals engaged in physical activity. The technical standards established by the program identify the essential qualities considered necessary for students to meet the academic, clinical, and job-related demands. All students admitted to the program must meet the following abilities and expectations. In the event that a student is unable to fulfill these technical standards, with or without reasonable accommodation, admission into the program will not be granted.

Compliance with the program’s technical standards does not guarantee a student’s eligibility for the BOC examination. It is the student’s responsibility to note ongoing compliance with the technical standards.

Candidates for selection to the 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 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 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.
10. Negative Tuberculosis skin test (PPD).

Candidates for selection into the program will be required to verify that they understand and meet these standards or that they believe that with certain accommodations, they can meet the standards. Situations may arise where a student’s ability to meet the technical standards must be reassessed (e.g., following significant injury or illness). The Office of Institutional Equity will evaluate a student who states that she/he could meet the program’s technical standards with accommodation and confirm that the stated condition qualifies as a disability under applicable laws.

In the event that a student states that the technical standards can be met with accommodation, the University will determine whether it agrees that the student can meet the technical standards with reasonable accommodation; this includes a review whether the accommodations requested are reasonable, taking into account whether the accommodation would jeopardize clinician/patient safety, or the educational process of the student or the institution, including coursework, clinical experiences, and internships deemed essential to graduation.

I have read and understand the technical standards of the Professional Athletic Training Program.

______________________________  _____________________________  __________
Print Name                  Signature                  Date
Appendix C

Exposure Incident Checklist

Employee:

- First Aid – wash exposed area with water or soap and water
- Report the Incident to Your Supervisor – immediately or as soon as possible
- Seek Medical Attention – the Occupational Health Clinic or other licensed healthcare professional
- Complete Incident Report Forms – working with your supervisor

Supervisor:

- Complete Incident Report Forms – working with the employee
  - Ohio University Incident Report Form
  - BBP Exposure Incident Worksheet (on next page)
  - Needlestick Report Form – if applicable
- Submit Incident Report Forms:
  - To Workers Compensation Office within 1 working day
  - To the OHC or the employee’s licensed health care professional
- Inform EHS (593-1666) and the OHC (593-4747) of the exposure incident
- Source Material – work with EHS and the Occupational Health Clinic, within the confines of applicable regulations to:
  - Identify the source material
  - Identify the source individual

Occupational Health Clinic

- Provide Medical Evaluation to Employee – if applicable
- Provide Relevant Medical Information to the Employees’ Healthcare Professional – if applicable
  - All medical records, which are relevant to treatment of the exposed employee (i.e. the record of HBV vaccination).
  - Any information available about the source material in the exposure incident, for which the university has proper consent to share.
- Source Material – working with the supervisor and EHS
  - Obtain any necessary consent from the source individual for testing
  - Maintain documentation of consent or non-consent
  - Arrange or perform any testing of source material or source individuals and ensure laboratory testing is performed by an accredited laboratory
  - Disclose testing results to the employee and their healthcare professional, as allowed by law.
- Provide a copy of the health care professional’s Written Opinion to the employee.

EHS

- Provide necessary paperwork to the health care professional, if it is not the OHC.
  - A copy of the federal regulation 29CFR1910.1030, with emphasis on paragraph F.
  - Copies of the forms found in this appendix.
- Work with the supervisor and the Occupational Health Clinic to:
- Document the incident
- Provide necessary information to the healthcare provider
- Identify the source material
Bloodborne Pathogens – Exposure Incident Worksheet

Supplemental Evaluation of Incident – Attached to the Incident Report Form and send to Workers Compensation at 121A HRTC.

Please print legibly

Employee’s Name_________________________________________Date__________________

Location of Exposure Incident_____________________________________________________

List any procedures being used and any equipment or devices being used at the time of the exposure incident:
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

What potentially infectious material were you exposed to?
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

What was the route of exposure, e.g. mucosal contact, contact with skin, percutaneous, etc.?
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

Describe any personal protective equipment, devices, or systems in use at the time of exposure incident:
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

Did the personal protective equipment fail? _________ If “yes”, how?____________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

Identify the source of the potentially infectious material
____________________________________________________________________________

Other pertinent information _________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
Instructions for the Evaluating Medical Professional

______________________________, an employee of Ohio University, may have suffered an exposure incident as defined in the OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standard. In accordance with the standard’s provision for post-exposure medical evaluation and follow-up, this employee is seeking your evaluation. The following items are included with this form to assist you in your evaluation:

2. A copy of the Exposure Incident Report. Note, this report describes the exposed employee’s duties related to the incident and documents the route of exposure.
3. All medical records concerning the exposed employee including vaccination status, any previous blood tests for the employee or source individual can be requested from Ohio University Occupational Health Clinic (740-593-4747).

After completing the medical evaluation:

1. Inform the employee regarding medical evaluation results, and indicate any appropriate follow-up you deem necessary.
2. Complete the attached written opinion form and send a copy to:

   Occupational Health
   EHS
   University Service Center
   Ohio University
   Athens, OH45701-2979

   CONFIDENTIAL: MEDICAL RECORDS

The copies you send will be maintained as part of the employee’s confidential medical record as defined in the Bloodborne Pathogens Standard. **No other medical information is to be sent to Ohio University.**
Written Opinion: Post-Exposure Medical Evaluation

After evaluating _____________________________, employee of Ohio University, please assure the following information has been furnished to the employee, and provide your initials besides the following statements:

The Hepatitis B vaccine is /is not recommended for this employee.  

(circle one)

The employee has /has not received the Hepatitis B vaccine. 

(circle one)

________ (initial) The employee has been informed of the results of these medical evaluations. 

________ (initial) The employee has been informed about any medical conditions resulting from the exposure incident of exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials that require further evaluation and treatment.

All other findings or diagnoses will remain confidential and will not be included in this report.

Thank you for your evaluation of this employee.

______________________________ Healthcare Professional’s signature

______________________________ Healthcare Professional’s name printed

______________________________ Date

The Occupational Health Clinic will provide a copy of this written report to the employee.

Mail this report to: 

Occupational Health  
EHS  
University Service Center  
Ohio University  
Athens, OH 45701-2979

CONFIDENTIAL: MEDICAL RECORDS
Appendix D

Policy Violation Form- Clinical Education

Student Name: ____________________________________________________________

Preceptor: ____________________________  Clinical Site: __________________________

Today’s Date: _________________  Date of Infraction: ________________

Description of Infraction:
____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Has this been violation been discussed with the student? _____Yes _____No

Has a plan been established to remedy the behavior? _____Yes _____No

If yes please describe plan:
____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Preceptor Signature (Electronic verified by email)

________________________________________

Please return and EMAIL this form to:
Michele Kabay, PhD, AT - Director of Clinical Education
E173 Grover Center, Phone: 740.593.0935, Fax: 740.593.0289 - Email: kabay@ohio.edu

To Be Completed by the Director of Clinical Education

Action Taken:
____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Director of Clinical Education Signature  Program Director’s Signature  Student’s Signature
__________________________________________________________________________          _________________________         ________________________________
Appendix E

Request for Leave of Absence

This form is intended for EXCUSED ABSENCES ONLY from your clinical assignment.

Type information into blank spaces provided. Then print form and submit to your Preceptor AND to the Clinical Coordinator AT LEAST one week prior to dates requesting off for approval.

Athletic Training Student:

Name: ____________________________

Today’s Date: ____________

Date(s) Requesting Off: __________

Reason:

Preceptor:

☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved
Signature: ____________________________ Date: __________

Clinical Coordinator:

☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved
Signature: ____________________________ Date: __________