

Washburn University – Kinesiology Department
Athletic Training Program
ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Students found in violation of the ATS Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action

Principle 1: Athletic Training Students shall respect the rights, welfare, and dignity of all individuals, including athletic training peers, athletes/patients/clients, clinical preceptors, coaches, faculty, administrative and support personnel.

- 1.1 Athletic training students must show respect for the opinions, educational rights, and cultural diversity of all other students.
- 1.2 Athletic training students must provide services as assigned without regard for race, color, sex, creed, or religion.
- 1.3 Athletic training students are expected to learn and adhere to the rules and safety considerations for each sport and/or clinical setting they are associated with.
- 1.4 Athletic Training Students are expected to develop appropriate rapport peers, athletes/patients/clients, clinical preceptors, coaches, faculty, administrative and support personnel.

Principle 2: Athletic training students shall comply with all laws and all regulations governing athletic training practice and academic achievement. (Violation of this principle will result in disciplinary action, and may result in immediate removal from clinical sites and possible dismissal from the program.)

- 2.1 Athletic training students will uphold the National Athletic Trainers' Association Code of Ethics and the Board of Certification's Standards of Professional Practice which identifies the principles of ethical behavior and the professional responsibility that must be followed in the practice of athletic training.
- 2.2 The use of drugs and alcohol will not be tolerated prior to or during any athletic training coverage including clinical experience hours, travel, practice and games.
- 2.3 Fraternalization, dating, or other inappropriate behaviors with minors and/or student athletes at any high school site is unethical, illegal, and will not be tolerated.
- 2.4 Fraternalization or dating adult student-athletes and/or patient/clients or other athletic training students, while not illegal, is discouraged. Inappropriate behavior with student-athletes or other athletic training students, including clinical experience hours, travel times, practices and games will not be tolerated.
- 2.5 Athletic training students shall not portray themselves as certified or licensed athletic trainers, nor misrepresent their skills, training, identity or services. Athletic training students shall not practice "athletic training skills" without direct supervision of a clinical preceptor.
- 2.6 Athletic training students are expected to immediately report any observed violations of principle 2 without fear of retribution or reprimand.

Principle 3: Athletic training students shall comply with all policies, rules, and expectations of the Athletic Training Program and their respective assigned clinical site.

- 3.1 Students are expected to participate in all aspects of the clinical experience with their CP including pre-practice preparations, practice and post-practice coverage, game and event coverage. Students should expect to arrive early some days and to stay late some days. Students are expected to participate in some early morning, evening and weekend clinical activities.
- 3.2 Athletic Training Students are expected to assist the staff with athletic training room and/or clinical site cleaning, maintenance, and stocking as directed by their CP.
- 3.3 Athletic Training students are expected to attend practice sessions as supervised by their CP and should expect to stay after practice sessions for conduction of treatments as directed by their CP, and for completion of injury records. The approximate time for the post-practice activities is one hour or when responsibilities are complete.
 - 3.3.1 Athletic training students are expected to pay attention and monitor athletic activities.
 - 3.3.2 Athletic training students will be expected to provide water and ice as needed.
 - 3.3.3 Athletic training students will be expected to provide first aid procedures when appropriate as supervised and directed.
 - 3.3.4 Athletic training students will be expected to assist coaches and managers with reasonable requests for assistance. Students should contact their CP if they feel the request is unreasonable.
- 3.4 Athletic training students are expected to make daily contact with their CP. Students who fail to show up or fail to make contact with their CP, or who are tardy or leave the clinical experience without the advance knowledge / permission of the CP will be issued an unexcused absence.
- 3.5 Athletic training students should be reliable and punctual in reporting to their CP's daily assignment and be dependable in all duties and responsibilities. Athletic training students are expected to attend games, meetings, and practices as scheduled by the supervising clinical preceptor. If an ATS is ill, or must be late or miss a practice or game, **it is that student's responsibility to contact the Clinical Preceptor prior to the time of the scheduled event.** A doctor's note may be required for illness verification.
- 3.6 Athletic training students shall be held accountable to uphold the highest academic standards. Athletic training students shall avoid inappropriate and unethical behavior including (but not limited to) giving or receiving unauthorized aid on examinations and assignments, in the preparation of papers and presentations, and knowingly misrepresenting the source of academic work as defined by the academic impropriety policy of the Washburn University catalog. A complete copy of the academic impropriety policy is available from the Office of Vice President for Academic Affairs at www.washburn.edu/admin/fac-handbook/fhsec7.htm
- 3.7 Athletic training students should use down time during the clinical rotation to practice skills and seek proficiency testing, research athletic training topics, or interact with clinical preceptors and peers about athletic training in a positive manner.

Principle 4: Athletic training students should demonstrate a professional attitude and behave in a professional manner at all times.

- 4.1 Athletic training students should adhere to appropriate dress codes as established by the ATP and/or clinical sites.
- 4.2 Athletic training students should use appropriate language, and respond appropriately to constructive criticism.
- 4.3 The ATP will provide athletic training students a nametag. Students are expected to wear their name badges during all off-campus clinical experiences and in the general medical rotation in the Student Health Center.
- 4.4 Athletic training students should demonstrate self-initiative (ability to notice/discover work and needs without prompting/instruction), and complete tasks as assigned.
- 4.5 Athletic training students must view a HIPAA privacy video and sign a HIPAA privacy statement for each clinical affiliation assigned, as well as undergo annual bloodborne pathogen training. Each clinical site may have additional requirements required that students must meet prior to gaining clinical experience hours.
- 4.6 Athletic training students must maintain current professional rescuer CPR and first aid certifications and provide a copy of certification documentation to the ATP Director at the beginning of each academic year.

Principle 5: Athletic training students should maintain appropriate standards of practice by only performing duties and skills appropriate for their level of education and supervision.

- 5.1 Athletic training students are expected to perform athletic training duties and skills for which they have been approved of through the clinical proficiency modular system when supervised.
- 5.2 Athletic training students are expected to perform the athletic training related duties assigned for their ATP level and clinical site as defined by the ATP clinical activities breakdown document.
- 5.3 Athletic training students are expected to perform other duties as assigned by their supervising CP, by other athletic training staff, by other clinical site staff, or by administrative staff.