

# **STUDENT PROGRESS, RETENTION, AND PROBATION POLICY**

Castleton State College ATEP

Once accepted into the program, the student will receive a clinical and academic evaluation each semester. In order to remain in good standing within the Athletic Training Education Program, the student must maintain the following academic and clinical requirements.

## **ACADEMIC**

1. Maintain an overall GPA of 2.50
2. Receive a B- or better in the following Athletic Training preparation courses.

AHS 1060	AHS 2160	PED 2160	AHS 2151	AHS 2152
AHS 2157	AHS 3030	AHS 3140	AHS 3811	AHS 3813
AHS 4020	AHS 4050			

\* If a student fails to receive a B- in one of the above listed courses, he/she will receive a written academic warning but be allowed to continue in the clinical field experience. He/she should retake the course for grade improvement.

\* The student will be placed on academic program probation if his/her academic record shows more than one course with a grade below B- in the above listed athletic training preparation courses. He/she will not participate in the clinical field experience while on program probation.

## **CLINICAL**

There are five clinical courses in the ATEP. They have been developed as pass/no pass courses. This means that all assignments should be successfully completed by the last day of class. Failure to successfully complete all requirements of the course may result in failure of the course. Course assignments include:

- Field experience evaluations
- 2<sup>nd</sup> checksheets
- Portfolio development
- Reflective journal writing

See the course syllabus for a more detailed description of the course assignments. A student who does not pass a clinical course will be placed on clinical program probation in the athletic training education program. The failed clinical course must be retaken. A passing grade is necessary for completing the degree requirements of the Athletic

Training Education Program, as well as for becoming eligible to take the NATABOC certification examination.

### **TERMS OF PROBATION**

If a student drops below academic or clinical program requirements, he/she will be placed on Athletic Training Education Program Probation for one semester. While on probation, a student will NOT be able to complete a field experience assignment. The student will NOT be able to register for the next clinical course while on probation, which may extend the time required to fulfill the graduation requirements of the program\*. A student may however enroll in any academic course within the ATEP as long as the course prerequisites have been met.

A review by the Director of Athletic Training Education will occur when a student is placed on probation. The student will receive a letter from the Director, explaining the specific terms of the probation. A student who is placed on academic probation will be required to complete 5 hours of work per week within the Academic Support Center and the Athletic Training Room. A student who is placed on clinical probation will be required to meet with a CSC athletic training staff member for 5 hours/week.

*\* An alternate clinical course sequencing plan may be approved by the Director and the Clinical Coordinator of Athletic Training for those students who demonstrate significant improvement in the ATEP in the semesters following the probationary term. A contractual agreement which outlines the alternate clinical course sequencing plan would be signed by both the student and the Program Director. This contractual agreement may allow the student to meet his/her anticipated graduation date.*

### **ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PROGRESS**

A review by the Director of Athletic Training Education will occur before the student is reinstated into the program.

This review will occur following the posting of final grades in the subsequent semester following the probationary letter. The student must demonstrate he/she meets the academic and clinical standards as outlined above. If the student disagrees with any decision, he/she can make an appeal to the Physical Education Department Chairperson.

*\* If a student is placed on academic probation due to receiving grades below B- in more than one athletic training core course in the same semester, and the courses are only offered one semester each academic year, he/she may be considered for removal from probation at the end of the probationary semester if his/her overall GPA is above a 2.50. The student would therefore be allowed to participate in the clinical field experience*

*during the following semester, while still maintaining an academic record that shows more than one athletic training preparation course with a grade below B-. The student would however be required to continue three hours/week in the academic support center (2 hours study hall; 1 hour tutor) until the transcript meets the outlined criteria. The student would be required to retake the courses as soon as they are offered again.*