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DATE: May 5, 1999

TO: REPRESENTATIVE STEVEN FOTI

FROM: Russ Whitesel, Senior Staff Attorney

SUBJECT: Amendments to 1999 Assembly Bill 191, Relating to the Regulation of Athletic Trainers

This memorandum, prepared at your request, describes the provisions of Assembly Amendment ___ (LRBa0186/2) and Assembly Amendment ___ (LRBa0287/1) to 1999 Assembly Bill 191, relating to the regulation of athletic trainers. The memorandum also describes the provisions of Assembly Amendment ___ (WLCS: 0122/1) which could be considered as an alternative to Assembly Amendment ___ (LRBa0287/1).

A. LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

1999 Assembly Bill 191 was the subject of a public hearing before the Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee on March 11, 1999. An executive session was held by the Committee on April 15, 1999.

B. PROVISIONS OF ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT — (LRBa0186/2)

The following provisions have been incorporated into Assembly Amendment ___ (LRBa0186/2):

1. A definition of "athlete" has been added to the bill. The term is defined to mean "a person participating in vigorous activities, sports, games or recreation." [See item 1 of the amendment.]

2. The definition of "athletic injury" contained in the original legislation has been amended to change the reference in the definition to "a person" to "an athlete." The amendment also deletes language which could be interpreted as broadening the definition of athletic injury.

In the original bill, the term "athletic injury" was defined in s. 448.95 (3) to mean any of the following:

- (a) An injury or illness sustained by *a person* as a result of *the person's* participation in exercise, sports, games, recreation *or activities requiring physical strength, agility, flexibility, range of motion, repetition, speed or stamina.*
- (b) An injury or illness that impedes or prevents *a person* from participating in exercise, sports, games, recreation *or activities requiring physical strength, agility, flexibility, range of motion, repetition, speed or stamina.* [Emphasis added.]

The amendment defines "athletic injury" to mean any of the following:

- (a) An injury or illness sustained by *an athlete* as a result of the *athlete's* participation in exercise, sports, games or recreation. [Emphasis added.]
- (b) An injury or illness that impedes or prevents *an athlete* from participating in exercise, sports, games or recreation. [See items 2 through 5 of the amendment.]

3. The amendment requires the athletic trainers affiliated credentialing board and the medical examining board to *jointly* promulgate rules relating to the minimum requirements of a protocol as required under the bill. The original legislation provided the athletic trainers affiliated credentialing board the independent authority to promulgate rules relating to the minimum requirements of the protocol. [See item 11 of the amendment.]

4. The amendment deletes language relating to certain activities relating to evaluation and treatment by athletic trainers. Under the original legislation, an athletic trainer is permitted to evaluate and treat a person for an athletic injury that has not previously been diagnosed, in accordance with a protocol. The amendment does not modify this provision. However, the amendment *deletes* language in the original bill which provides that the evaluation and treatment may not exceed 30 days after the date of the initial evaluation and treatment, unless the protocol specifies a different period of time. The amendment also *deletes* a provision from this paragraph that states that the paragraph does not apply to preventive care provided after resolution of an athletic injury or to treatment provided to a person who is referred to the athletic trainer by a chiropractor, dentist, doctor, physical therapist or podiatrist. [See item 15 of the amendment.]

5. The amendment also makes numbering changes in the bill to facilitate references to the material added and deleted by the amendment. [See items 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13 and 14 of the amendment.]

C. PROVISIONS OF ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT — (LRBa0287/1)

Assembly Amendment ___ (LRBa0287/1) allows a licensed athletic trainer, when working on behalf of his or her primary employer and in accordance with a protocol, to provide treatment to a person for any injury or activity-related illness, as directed, supervised and inspected by a physician who has the power to direct, decide and oversee the implementation of the treatment.

D. PROVISIONS OF ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT — (WLCS: 0122/1)

Assembly Amendment ____ (WLCS: 0122/1) allows a licensed athletic trainer, when working on behalf of his or her primary employer, and in accordance with a protocol, to treat and rehabilitate an employe of the primary employer with an injury or illness similar to an athletic injury resulting from an occupational activity, as directed, supervised and inspected by a physician who has the power to direct and oversee the implementation of the treatment or rehabilitation.

This amendment would be an alternative to Assembly Amendment ____ (LRBa0287/1).

If you have any questions regarding this amendment or the legislation, please feel free to contact me directly at the Legislative Council Staff offices.

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TO: REPRESENTATIVE SUZANNE JESKEWITZ, CHAIRPERSON, MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND OTHER INTERESTED LEGISLATORS

FROM: Russ Whitesel, Senior Staff Attorney

SUBJECT: Amendments to 1999 Assembly Bill 191, Relating to the Regulation of Athletic Trainers

This memorandum, prepared at your request, describes the provisions of Assembly Amendment 1 and Assembly Amendment 2 to 1999 Assembly Bill 191, relating to the regulation of athletic trainers.

A. LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

1999 Assembly Bill 191 was the subject of a public hearing before the Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee on March 11, 1999. An executive session was held by the Committee on April 15, 1999. Another executive session was held May 26, 1999, at which time the Committee introduced and adopted Assembly Amendments 1 and 2. The Committee recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 1.

B. PROVISIONS OF ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

The following provisions have been incorporated into Assembly Amendment 1:

1. A definition of "athlete" has been added to the bill. The term is defined to mean "a person participating in vigorous activities, sports, games, or recreation." [See item 1 of the amendment.]

2. The definition of "athletic injury" contained in the original legislation has been amended to change the reference in the definition to "a person" to "an athlete." The amendment also deletes language which could be interpreted as broadening the definition of athletic injury.

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5. The amendment also makes numbering changes in the bill to facilitate references to the material added and deleted by the amendment. [See items 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13 and 14 of the amendment.]

C. PROVISIONS OF ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2

Assembly Amendment 2 allows a licensed athletic trainer, when working on behalf of his or her primary employer, and in accordance with a protocol, to treat or rehabilitate an employee of the primary employer with an injury that is identical to an athletic injury and that has resulted from an occupational activity, as directed, supervised and inspected by a physician who has the power to direct and oversee the implementation of the treatment or rehabilitation.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment or the legislation, please feel free to contact me directly at the Legislative Council Staff offices.

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AB 191



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

P.O. Box 7882 • Madison, WI 53707-7882

DATE: February 22, 1999
TO: All Legislators
FROM: Senator Kevin Shibilski and Representative Steve Foti
RE: Co-sponsorship of LRB-1443/1 and LRB-2262/1 relating to the regulation of athletic trainers

AB 191

SB 79

We are reintroducing legislation to establish professional credentials and standards for athletic trainers. This proposal creates an affiliated credentialing board for athletic trainers to provide for better regulation of this growing profession and to help ensure that athletes of all levels receive high-quality care from qualified and trained health care professionals. This bill restricts the use of the title "athletic trainer," but does NOT require a person to be licensed as an athletic trainer. The bill does not "grandfather" existing athletic trainers.

This legislation was prompted by concern over the care and treatment provided to participants in individual and team sports. Often, there is an injury on the field, and the team "trainer" runs onto the field to provide assistance. As parents of children active in sports, we want to know that the person treating them if an injury occurs is a skilled, licensed professional. This proposal will give athletes, trainers and coaches peace of mind by knowing the athletic trainer treating an injured athlete is qualified to make important decisions in the best interests of the athlete.

Last session, this bill (1997 AB 466) received the support of the Assembly Committee on Consumer Affairs, but the legislative session ended before final floor action could be taken. The bill is supported by the Wisconsin Association of Athletic Trainers, which includes athletic trainers from Wisconsin's Professional Sports Teams (including Green Bay Packers and Milwaukee Brewers) and from universities and high schools across the state. Various athletes and coaches from all levels have already expressed their support for this legislation.

The LRB analysis is attached below. If you would like to cosponsor this bill, please contact Senator Shibilski's office at 6-3123 of Representative Foti's office at 6-2401 by 4:30 p.m. **Thursday, March 4th**, and your name will be added to companion bills.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a six-member athletic trainers affiliated credentialing board (affiliated credentialing board) that is attached to the medical examining board, and establishes requirements for the licensing of athletic trainers by the affiliated credentialing board.

The bill does not require an individual to be licensed as an athletic trainer in order to practice athletic training, but the bill does, with certain exceptions, restrict the use of the titles "athletic trainer", "licensed athletic trainer", "certified athletic trainer" and "registered athletic trainer" to individuals who are licensed as athletic trainers by the

Under the bill, an individual must do all of the following to be licensed as an athletic trainer:

1. Submit evidence satisfactory to the affiliated credentialing board that he or she has received at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
2. Submit evidence satisfactory to the affiliated credentialing board that he or she does not have an arrest or conviction record, or a history of alcohol or other drug abuse, that is substantially related to the practice of athletic training.
3. Provide a statement as to whether he or she has applied for or been granted an athletic trainer credential from any licensing jurisdiction in the United States or in any foreign country and, if so, whether the application was denied or whether he or she was subject to discipline while holding a credential from another licensing jurisdiction.
4. Pass an examination conducted or approved by the affiliated credentialing board.
5. Submit evidence satisfactory to the affiliated credentialing board that he or she has met the certification requirements established by, and has passed the certification examination administered by, the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification.

The bill also provides for two temporary licenses. An individual who satisfies all of the requirements for a license except for passing the examination is eligible for a nonrenewable temporary license that is valid for one year. An individual who satisfies all of the requirements for a license except for passing the examination and meeting the certification requirements is eligible for a temporary license that is valid for two years if he or she has engaged in athletic training during the 12 months prior to the effective date of the bill. This temporary license may be renewed once if the individual has made significant progress toward meeting the certification requirements.

The bill provides for the reciprocal licensure of individuals who have been issued an athletic trainer credential by another licensing jurisdiction in the United States if that jurisdiction has requirements for credentialing that are substantially equivalent to the requirements established under the bill.

The bill also establishes practice requirements for an individual who is licensed as an athletic trainer by the affiliated credentialing board. A licensed athletic trainer must practice athletic training in accordance with an evaluation and treatment protocol established by the athletic trainer and approved by the physician with whom the athletic trainer will consult while practicing athletic training. In addition, a licensed athletic trainer may also do any of the following: 1) monitor the general behavior and general physical response of a person to treatment and rehabilitation; 2) suggest modifications in treatment or rehabilitation to the consulting physician or other health care provider who is providing treatment to an injured person; and 3) develop and administer an athletic training program for a person.

Finally, a licensed athletic trainer must complete continuing education requirements established by the affiliated credentialing board and must have liability insurance or a surety bond in a minimum amount set by the affiliated credentialing board in order to renew his or her athletic trainer license.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.



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February 12, 1999

Wisconsin State Assembly
State Capitol
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Dear Legislator,

I hope my use of the Green Bay Packers' letterhead caught your attention and might be the impetus to read my letter. I am a Certified Athletic Trainer (and Physical Therapist) for the Green Bay Packers and would like to ask for your support of a licensing bill Representatives Foti and Myer have circulated; LRB 1443.

I feel strongly about this issue. I have two college degrees and have spent 23 years plying my chosen profession and I am alarmed that anyone in the State of Wisconsin can still choose to call themselves a "trainer" or "athletic trainer." I feel it is easy for others to take advantage of our title. The inferred expertise can bring harm to the unsuspecting public and needs regulation. Both of my young children will be involved in school athletics and I would like to be assured that the people charged with providing their athletic health care are properly educated.

This issue is not a concern in the NFL. We have some 80 Certified Athletic Trainers caring for approximately 1800 football players on NFL rosters (a 23:1 ratio; I believe it is approximately an 800:1 ratio in high schools). The NFL Collective Bargaining Agreement mandates that member clubs employ only Certified Athletic Trainers (certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association). We do not wish to mandate hiring, but those who choose to hire an athletic trainer will be assured they are considering someone who has met the state's minimum educational requirements.

I thank you for considering support of LRB 1443. I am very concerned for the health care of our young athletes, and soon to be, my own children.

I trust your "season" will be as exciting as the Packers promises to be.

Sincerely

T. Pepper Burruss, ATC, PT
Head Athletic Trainer
Physical Therapist



Wisconsin Athletic Trainers Association, Inc.
"We Provide Active Care For Active People"

February, 1999

Dear Legislator:

I currently serve as President of the Wisconsin Athletic Trainers Association which represents over 300 athletic trainers in Wisconsin from ranks working with the Brewers, Packers, Bucks, Wisconsin's colleges and high schools. I am writing today to urge you to cosponsor legislation to license athletic trainers in Wisconsin. Athletic trainers work in a number of different settings providing immediate care and in association with physicians provide follow up care for active people. Athletic Trainers have traditionally been active in preventing illness and injury. They have been in the front line advocating proper hydration to prevent heat illness and heat stroke. In conjunction with the WIAA and other professionals, athletic trainers in Wisconsin were instrumental in developing guidelines for the Wisconsin Minimum Weight Wrestling Project to insure that young wrestlers are not dangerously attempting to loose too much body weight. Each year, athletic trainers fan out throughout this state to perform body assessments on high school athletes to determine their minimum weight class. This program has been so successful that the NCAA recently adopted much of the program to address recent deaths that have occurred in collegiate wrestling.

Early recognition of symptoms along with immediate care and proper referral to physicians allows for reduction of additional trauma or stress and an early plan for recovery. Positive outcomes in treatment athletic trainers have had for the active in their care comes from their employment status that places them on site when injury or activity related illness occurs. The close association with physicians that through protocol provides for early intervention, makes athletic training a unique allied health profession. This pattern of care and its success has seen athletic trainers employed in a number of different settings where vigorous activity takes place.

One of the most visible place athletic trainers are found is working with youth sports and amateur sports such as high school athletics and competitions such as Badger State Games. Parents that view from the stands when someone attends to their son or daughter as they lay injured, must be assured that the person identified as the athletic trainer has been properly trained and has the knowledge to make decisions that can have long standing and lasting effects.

Please consider cosponsoring Representative Foti's bill. It provides for an affiliated credentialing board that sets rules for practice, reviews credentials and test results for issuing a license. Citizens complaints can be heard and reviewed for professional discipline. This bill provides for the above **without** limiting the practice of other professionals in any way. This legislation is past due and is important for the health and safety of active individuals, young athletes and their parents in Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Dennis C. Helwig, President
Wisconsin Athletic Trainers Association

To: Rep. Jeskewitz

From: Jim Tenuta, Representing the Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association

Date: March 19, 1999

The board of the WPTA met Thursday night and took the following action concerning AB 191:

1. Agreed to the definition of Athlete and Athletic Injury as drafted in LRB draft a0186/2. Additionally, the board agreed to the changes on page 2, lines 6, 7 and 8 of the same draft concerning the medical examining board.

Additionally, the board respectfully requests the following changes be considered:

2. Add a definition of protocol that reads: "An individualized treatment plan as approved by the supervising physician who makes the diagnosis."
3. Add the disclaimer: "Nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize the practice of physical therapy by any person not so licensed under Chapter 448."
4. Substitute the word "athlete" for person throughout.
5. Throughout the draft substitute the term "supervising physician" for "consulting physician."
6. On page 12, eliminate the language on line 3 beginning with "in addition" through line 11 ending with "person."
7. On page 12 eliminate the language on lines 15 through 25.

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LEGISLATIVE ALERT

CURRENT STATUS: WPTA Efforts to achieve a compromise on Assembly 191, the bill licensing Athletic Trainers, have failed. Assembly Bill 191 has been scheduled for a vote in the Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee on April 15th. The Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association needs your help now to battle efforts by the Wisconsin Athletic Trainer Association to have their version of the bill advance to the floor of the Wisconsin State Assembly.

ACTION NEEDED: If your state Representative is one of the members of the Consumer Affairs Committee listed below, call or write before April 15th and urge them to support the position of the Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association to be offered in an amendment to Assembly Bill 191 by State Representative Terry Musser, a member of the committee. Representative Musser's amendment would more clearly define an ATC's role in a workplace setting. **Very Important NOTE:** Call or write only your legislators. Do Not call or write a legislator that is not your state representative. Be sure to indicate that you are a constituent and tell him or her where you work.

BACKGROUND: WPTA has made a concerted effort to negotiate a compromise version of AB 191 with WATA under the direction of the Consumer Affairs Committee Chair, Rep Jeskewitz. While there were agreements reached on definitions of athlete and athletic injury and a provision giving the Medical Examining Board a role in drafting protocols, we were unable to resolve the question of what athletic trainers are allowed to do in a workplace setting. Essentially, they sought to allow athletic trainers to treat any illness or injury. The WPTA felt very strongly that this could lead to situations where the public would be treated by inappropriately trained professionals. Athletic trainers are not prepared to treat unhealthy, inactive or disabled patients.

Representative Musser's Amendment would make the following changes to AB 191:

*Add a definition of Athlete that reads as follows: An "Athlete" means a person participating in vigorous activities, sports, games or recreation.

*Define Athletic Injury to be a) an injury or illness sustained by an athlete as a result of the athlete's participation in exercise, sports, games or recreation. Or, b) An injury or illness that impedes or prevents an athlete from participating in exercise, sports, games or recreation.

*Require the Athletic Trainer Credentialing Board to jointly promulgate rules governing protocols with the Medical Examining Board.

*Include language to describe an athletic trainer's responsibilities in certain workplace settings that is reasonable and consistent with their training.: "...In an industrial setting, treat and rehabilitate a worker with an injury or illness substantially similar to an athletic injury, resulting from a occupational activity as directed by and under the supervision and evaluation of a physician..."

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These are reasonable changes. If your state representative is listed below, write or call to urge him or her to support Rep. Musser's Amendment to Assembly Bill 191. Contact only your legislator; a written letter is the most effective form of communication. For information about your individual legislator and how to contact him/her, contact the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-362-9472.

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Memorandum

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Date: 3/9/1999

To: Rebecca

RE: Regulation of Athletic Trainers and Physical Therapists in Other States

Here is the material we discussed.

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The 1993 Legislature enacted a registration program for athletic trainers, created within the Health Division.

The program registers approximately 60 athletic trainers based on training and certification by the National Athletic Trainer Association. The Division is charged with reviewing qualification for registration, issuing a certificate of registration, and maintaining a roster of registered athletic trainers. The program has no position authority.

The 1995 Legislature granted authority to establish a fee structure to fund costs associated with administering the program, setting a biennial budget; and established a registration period and renewal cycle within the Health Division and administered within the consolidated model of the Health Licensing Office.

Laws - Oregon Revised Statutes - Chapter 688

Rules - Oregon Administrative Rules - Chapter 331, Division 100-115

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Texas

Athletic Trainer

The Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers (a Texas state board created by the Athletic Trainers Act) is the licensing and regulatory authority for athletic trainers in Texas. The board implements the provisions of Texas Civil Statutes, Article 4512d (the Athletic Trainers Act), which was effective September 1, 1971. The board's purpose is to protect public health, safety, and welfare by establishing and enforcing qualifications and standards of practice for licensed athletic trainers. The board consists of six members appointed by the Governor of Texas, all of whom must be licensed athletic trainers and Texas residents. The board performs its duties as part of the Texas Department of Health (TDH) and uses TDH staff and facilities to accomplish its purpose.

This page contains information about Athletic Trainers including licensing requirements, how to file a complaint, where to go for more information, and more. Return to the [Professional Licensing and Certification Division Home Page](#) for information on other regulatory programs.

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Program Activities

- Evaluate credentials
- Develop and administer licensing examinations and evaluate results
- Issue licenses to qualified applicants
- Investigate complaints
- Approve continuing education programs
- Deny, revoke, or suspend licenses after opportunity for a hearing has been offered

Enabling Legislation and Board Rules

- **Act: Article 4512d, Texas Civil Statutes.**
This Texas licensure law defines *athletic trainer*, establishes the Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers as the regulatory authority for athletic trainers in the state, and prohibits the unlicensed practice of athletic training in Texas.
- **Rules: [Title 25 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 313](#).**

The rules of the Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers (issued under the authority of the Athletic Trainers Act) govern all aspects of licensure and regulation including qualifications for application and examination, license renewal, guidelines for conduct, continuing education, complaints, and disciplinary actions.

Definition; Scope and Description of Practice

"Athletic trainer" means a person with specific qualifications, who, upon the advice and consent of his team physician carries out the practice of prevention and/or physical rehabilitation of injuries incurred by athletes. To carry out these functions the athletic trainer is authorized to use physical modalities such as heat, light, sound, cold, electricity, or mechanical devices related to rehabilitation and treatment. A licensed athletic trainer prevents, assesses, treats, rehabilitates, and researches injuries and illnesses incurred by athletes. An athlete is a person involved in exercise, conditioning, or a physical activity that requires physical strength, power, endurance, skill, or speed. A licensed athletic trainer practices under the advice and consent of a team physician.

Before games and sporting events, a licensed athletic trainer carries out injury prevention measures (such as the application of protective devices) to minimize the risk of injury during play. When an athlete is injured during the game, a licensed athletic trainer provides emergency care and refers the athlete to a physician or hospital if necessary. When an injured athlete needs rehabilitation before they can return to play, a licensed athletic trainer sets up and carries out the rehabilitation plan.

Athletic training services may be provided in any setting authorized by a team physician. These settings include, but are not limited to, high schools, colleges or universities, professional or amateur athletic organizations, athletic facilities, and health care facilities. Licensed athletic trainers working in clinical and other settings provide health care services under the direction of the treating physician.

A person must hold a license to practice athletic training or to hold him- or herself out as an athletic trainer. A person must hold a license when employed as an athletic trainer. A teaching certificate does not authorize a person to practice athletic training in Texas. National certification as an athletic trainer or a personal trainer does not authorize a person to practice athletic training in Texas.

Licensing Information

Specialized Education and Training

1. A baccalaureate or post baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and one of the following: (a) current licensure, registration, or certification as an athletic trainer issued by another state, jurisdiction, or territory of the United States; or (b) current national certification as an athletic trainer issued by the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification (NATABOC).
2. In lieu of the requirements in #1 above, **a person shall hold a baccalaureate degree or post-baccalaureate degree which includes at least three hours of academic credit from each of the following course areas:** (a) human anatomy; (b) health, disease, nutrition, fitness, wellness, emergency care or first aid, or drug and alcohol education; (c) kinesiology; (d) human physiology or physiology of exercise; (e) athletic training, sports medicine, or care and prevention of injuries; and (f) [effective September 1, 2000] advanced athletic training, advanced sports medicine, or assessment of injury. **In addition, a person must have completed an apprenticeship program in athletic training that** (a) consists of 1800 clock-hours completed in college or university intercollegiate sports programs; (b) is based on the academic calendar; (c) is completed during at least five fall and/or spring semesters; and (d) is completed while enrolled as a student at a college or university for at least 1500 of the 1800 clock-hours.



State Licensing Agencies

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*Curriculum and Clinical Education Comparison
Physical Therapy and Athletic Training*

<i>Physical Therapy</i>		<i>Athletic Training</i>	
<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Human Anatomy	5	Health and Physical Well Being	3
Physiology	3	Introduction to Sports Medicine	3
Applied Anatomical Assessment	3	Safety, First Aid, and CPR	1
Scientific and Clinical Foundation for Evaluation / Treatment	2	Human Anatomy / Physiology I, II	6
Basic Handling	1	Human Motor Behavior	3
Kinesiology and Biomechanics of Normal/Abnormal Movement	3	Nutrition for Fitness and Health	2
Physical Agents I and II	5	Prevention and Care of Athletic Injuries	2
Physiologic Regulation of Exertion and Disease	3	Sports Medicine Laboratory I, II, III	9
Neuroanatomy	3	Physiology of Exercise	2
Professional Ethics	1	Biomechanics	2
PT Practice	1	Child Development	3
Communication and Interpersonal Skills	1	Psychology of Coaching	2
Musculoskeletal Evaluation and Treatment : Upper Extremity	3	Athletic Injury Assessment	
Lower Extremity	3	Lower Extremity	3
Spine	3	Upper Extremity	3
Pathophysiology	2	Therapeutic Principles of Rehabilitation in Athletic Training	3
Cardiopulmonary	2	Administration in Athletic Training	3
Lifespan Motor Development	3	Rehabilitation Techniques for Athletic Injuries	3
Psychology & Social Issues of Disability	2	Current Readings and Research in Athletic Training	3
Neural Basis of Movement I, II, III	11	Exercise and Sports Science Internship	8
Research Methods	3	total:	67
Instrumentation	2		
Clinical Teaching	1		
Advanced Statistics	2		
Advanced Clinical Elective or Thesis	4-6		
Practice Issues	1		
Health Care Systems	2		
Clinical Fieldwork			
Nursing Home	1		
Rural Hospital	2		
Orthopedic Practice	2		
Rehab Facility	4		
Acute Hospital	4		
Specialty Setting	4		
total: 89-93			

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