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Westfield State University Athletic Training Program Goals and Student Outcomes



Program Goal 1: The WSU ATP is committed to maintaining a CAATE accredited undergraduate curriculum that prepares students for successful entry-level practice through integrated didactic, laboratory, and supervised clinical experiences in a learning-over-time environment.

- 1.1 The Athletic Training Curriculum will be delivered in an organized, sequential, and cumulative manner such that students will learn developmentally appropriate skill sets
- 1.2 Each didactic course and related laboratory experience will be based on and defined by the specific educational competencies presented in the 5th Edition of the Athletic Training Educational Competencies
- 1.3 Students are effectively applying the educational competencies covered within the corresponding semester's coursework.
- 1.4 Students will receive opportunities for individualized and on-going evaluation of clinical skill proficiency.
- 1.5 The WSU ATP curriculum will prepare students for first time success on the BOC exam
- 1.6 ATS will demonstrate professional behaviors in accordance with NATA Standards of Practice

Program Goal 2: The WSU ATP will engage students in critical thinking, scientific inquiry, and evidence based practice.

- 2.1 Students will demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving skills through application of Evidence Based Practice principles.
- 2.2 Students will demonstrate competence with scientific inquiry.

Program Goal 3: The WSU ATP will promote inter-professional healthcare practice by providing ATS with the opportunity to interact with healthcare practitioners from a variety of clinical and professional experiences.

- 3.1 Students will interact with a minimum of 3 different non-orthopedic healthcare practitioners in 3 different settings.
- 3.2 Students will be required to attend a minimum of 2 AT physician colloquia/year involving the local area healthcare experts

Program Goal 4: The WSU ATP will engage in consistent and ongoing program evaluation to maintain high quality, student centered, and professional education.

- 4.1 Students will evaluate the program annually
- 4.2 ATS will complete an exit interview prior to graduation
- 4.3 AT alumni and their employers will evaluate the program 1 year after graduation

Feel free to contact Program Director Paul Higgins (phiggins@westfield.ma.edu) for questions regarding Westfield State University's Athletic Training Program.