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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

Westfield State University Athletic Training Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). The program has been placed on Probation as of February 19, 2016 by the CAATE, 6850 Austin Center Blvd., Suite 100, Austin, TX 78731-3101.

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