Athletic Participation

Applicants to the ATP will be provided with a copy of this policy statement early on in the application year. It will be discussed and explained again during the application process.

Many prospective athletic training students who express interest in the Defiance College Athletic Training Program (ATP) are also interested in participating in an intercollegiate sport during their college years. Many of the program's finest and most accomplished alumni were athletes while at Defiance College. Because the ATP has a significant clinical experience component, which requires student commitment at various times throughout the week and on weekends; conflicts between sport demands and clinical experience requirements are not uncommon. The ATP faculty is committed to encouraging athletic training students to take advantage of the rich co-curricular opportunities available on campus. They are also dedicated to ensuring students graduate on time, fulfill all major requirements, and have enough quality clinical experiences to enable them to become skilled health care professionals. The following guidelines are designed to help accomplish all of these purposes.

Policy:

1. Applicants to the ATP will be provided with a copy of this policy statement early on in the application year. It will be discussed and explained again during AT 100/200.
2. The intention on the part of a prospective athletic training student to participate in intercollegiate athletics shall not factor into the admission decision for the ATP.
3. Students admitted to the ATP may participate in intercollegiate athletics.
4. Athletic training students shall limit their participation to one intercollegiate team per year.
5. Athletic training students may participate during their team's non-traditional season ONLY if participation does not conflict with the student's ATP clinical experience responsibilities.
6. Athletic training students who participate in intercollegiate athletics must, like all students, fulfill ALL the didactic and clinical education program requirements before they can graduate. All student-athletes are strongly encouraged to consult the ATP director early since effective planning is crucial to on-time graduation.
7. All athletic training students in the ATP, including fall student-athletes, are required to perform at least one “equipment intensive” clinical experience (e.g. football or lacrosse). Athletic training students who participate in basketball must also fulfill the equipment intensive requirements of that rotation. This means adjustments will be necessary to both the basketball and athletic training schedules to fulfill the requirements during the athletic training students' junior or senior year.

This policy will be in effect once a student has been accepted into the ATP at the beginning of his/her sophomore year and will be in effect as long as the student remains in the ATP. Students with questions regarding this policy are encouraged to speak with the PD for clarification of their situation. The PD makes the final decision on the appropriate situation/experience for the student. All CAATE guidelines will be strictly enforced.
Athletic Participation Agreement

This page must be signed by the Athletic Training Student, the Head Coach for his/her intercollegiate athletic team and be given to the ATP Program Director in accordance with the annual forms and documentation policy each academic year. The Athletic Participation Agreement is valid for one calendar year.

This is to certify that I, ____________________________, understand the Athletic Participation Agreement as stated above. I am declaring that I will be participating in __________________________ during the 2014-2015 academic year. I understand that I am responsible for meeting all classroom and clinical expectations and my participation in athletics at Defiance College will not interfere with my clinical responsibilities and experiences.

_____________________________________ _________________________
Athletic Training Student Signature Date

This is to certify that I, ____________________________, Head Coach of the Defiance College ____________________________ team, understand the Athletic Participation Agreement as stated above. I will support the above-named Athletic Training Student in the pursuit of his/her educational goals and his/her participation in athletic at Defiance College will not interfere with his/her clinical responsibilities and experiences.

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Head Coach Signature Date

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