

MCKENDREE UNIVERSITY
AT POLICY ON STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS AND
GENERAL POLICY GUIDELINES FOR ALL STUDENTS

Instructions to Candidate:

1. Print two (2) copies of this document.
2. Candidates must thoroughly read all of the guidelines provided on this document prior to his/her individual interview.
3. Sign and date both copies and bring to the scheduled interview.

Purpose:

Many students who express interest in the McKendree University Athletic Training Education Program are also interested in participating in one or more intercollegiate sports and/or participating in outside employment during their college years. The clinical component of the athletic training education program often requires student commitment during afternoons, evenings and weekends causing a time conflict between sport and/or work demands and clinical requirements. The athletic training faculty is committed to encouraging students and assisting them in taking advantage of the many co-curricular activities available on campus or meeting their financial obligations to attend school by working. They are also committed to making sure that students graduate in a timely fashion, meet all of the requirements for the athletic training major, and have quality clinical experiences to prepare them to become skilled health care professionals. The following guidelines serve as an outline to help achieve any and all of these purposes.

I, _____, understand that the following may apply when I enter ATE.
(Student's name)

Guidelines:

All applicants to the athletic training program will bring two signed copies of this policy statement to his/her scheduled interview. One signed copy of the statement will be kept in the student's academic file.

- The intention on the part of a prospective student to participate in intercollegiate athletics and/or participate in outside employment shall not factor into the admission decision for the athletic training program.
- Athletes and/or transfer students will require a minimum of one additional semester (more may be required) of academic study. Athletes are not allowed to participate in intercollegiate athletics when taking Equipment Intensive Clinical ATH 402 and Off-Site Clinical Experience ATH 310. Athletes and/or transfer students are responsible for securing additional financial obligations they may incur as a result of extended academic studies (not covered by successful procurement for extension for athletic and/or academic scholarships).
- Athletic training students who are members of an intercollegiate athletic team at McKendree University are encouraged to limit their participation during their team's traditional season ONLY (off-season competition schedules for athletics must be reviewed by the clinical coordinator, student and individual clinical preceptor at the **beginning** of each clinical experience). Students who are employed outside of McKendree University are encouraged to limit their work to no more than 15 hours per week during clinical experiences. Athletic training students who participate in intercollegiate athletics and/or outside employment must, like all students, fulfill all the didactic and clinical program requirements before they graduate. All such students are

strongly encouraged to consult the program director and clinical coordinator early in their program since effective planning is crucial to on-time graduation for these students.

- Part of the requirements for completion of the major requires that students participate in a minimum of 5 separate clinical experiences: ATH 250A, 251A, 310, 315, and 402. Athletes may be required to complete additional clinicals if needed to meet the program graduation requirement of 1200 clinical hours. Part of these experiences requires that students begin the clinical prior to the beginning of the academic year; travel with the athletic teams during the week; weekend; during holidays (possibly) and possibly after the end of the academic year (under direct supervision of ATC).
- Requirements to remain in the athletic training program:
 1. All students must maintain a minimum of 3.00 current grade point average, cumulative grade point average of 2.75 and grades of C or better in the major courses (clinical hours may be restricted if GPA is below 2.75).
 2. All students must renew their Basic Life Support for the Healthcare Provider a minimum of every two years.
 3. All students must obtain a total of 1200 clinical hours (achieved through completion of all clinical experiences)
- Successful completion of the Athletic Training Education Program at McKendree University does not guarantee that I will successfully pass the BOC certification examination.

I have read the above statements and understand how each may affect me.

Name

Signature

Date

Witness Name

Witness Signature

Date