

Policy Regarding Probationary Status or Dismissal from the ATEP

All students accepted into the ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION PROGRAM (hereafter referred to as ATEP or the program) are required to adhere to the following policy concerning Probationary Status and Program Dismissal. Once you have read the statement of policy, your signature is required for your acknowledgement of this policy. The original copy of this document will be retained in your student file.

1. ATHLETIC TRAINING CURRICULUM

Once students are accepted into the ATEP, they must maintain a 2.5 overall GPA, a semester-by-semester 2.5 GPA, and attain a “C” or better in each course within the major. The following rules apply to correcting a deficiency in courses in the ATEP (non-general education courses, see catalog for listing of courses):

A. GUIDELINES FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF COURSEWORK

- i. A student has one attempt to correct a deficiency where a grade attained is a “D”, “F”, “U”, or “W” in a course within the major. The course must be retaken the next time it is offered and a grade of “C” or better must be attained. The student will be dismissed from the program if the second grade is not a “C” or better, or if the student withdraws from the class.
- ii. A student who receives a grade less than “C” in two or more major courses within the same semester will be dismissed from the program.
- iii. A student who receives the grade of “NC” in KINES 143 the second time will be dismissed from the program.

B. GUIDELINES FOR ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM PROBATION OR DISMISSAL. A student will be placed on program probation or dismissed if one or more of the following circumstances occurs:

- i. Semester G.P.A. below 2.5. This will result in the student being placed on program probation and will affect responsibilities the student is assigned to during their clinical practicum (KINES 143) with practicum hours not to exceed 15 per week. Opportunities to participate in an academic study hall for 5 hours per week will be arranged.
- ii. A grade of “I” in KINES 142. This will result in a loss or reduction of responsibilities including assignment to a sport by their ACI and placement on program probation until the “I” is changed to a letter grade of C or better.
- iii. University Academic Probation (see catalog for definition). This will result in the student being placed on program probation and will affect responsibilities the student is assigned to during their clinical practicum (KINES 143) with practicum hours not to exceed 15 per week. Opportunities to participate in an academic study hall for 5 hours per week will be arranged.

- iv. University Academic Disqualification (see catalog for definition). This will result in immediate dismissal from the program. Re-admission to the University or to the Kinesiology Department does not include re-admission to the ATEP.

2. ATHLETIC TRAINING CLINICAL PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

- A. Students will be placed on probation or dismissed from the ATEP for any of the following infractions:
 - i. Obtaining three (3) strikes (see Strikes System below)
 - ii. Performing assigned field experiences under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
 - iii. Unauthorized release of athlete medical records. The unauthorized release of an individual's medical records is a crime. You cannot discuss an individual's injury or status with anyone outside the Fresno State Athletic Training Staff without the injured person's permission. The only exception is the athletes' parents if the athlete is under 18 years of age. If you are going to discuss the injury as an example or as a case study, you must keep the player's identity anonymous.
 - iv. False representation. Falsely representing yourself regarding status or position with the Fresno State Athletic Training staff. You are an Athletic Training Student - make sure people understand this when you present yourself.
 - v. Sexual misconduct. Using your position as an Athletic Training Student to make advances toward or take advantage of an individual during an evaluation or treatment will not be tolerated. Complaints will be evaluated and handled on an individual basis. Evidence supporting intentional sexual misconduct will automatically result in dismissal with no possibility of reinstatement, in addition to charges that the victim may wish to file
 - vi. Verified violation of the NATA Code of Ethics
 - vii. Verified violation of Athletic Department Policy or University Policy regarding student conduct under Title V of the California Administrative Code, sections 41301 through 41304, inclusive.
 - viii. Verified violation of the University's Policy on Sexual Harassment or Discrimination.
 - ix. Failure to adhere to the Technical Standards for Athletic Training Students.

3. PROBATION/DISMISSAL APPEAL POLICY

- A. Students are allowed only one semester of probation in the ATEP. Students have the right to appeal their status of probation or dismissal to the Chair, Department of Kinesiology within 10 working days of written notification from the Program Director.

Athletic Training Education Program Strike System

Each of the following acts of commission and/or acts of omission will result in the student being assessed a “strike.” Strikes are cumulative throughout your clinical practicum courses, which includes all four semesters of your clinical practicum courses. Three (3) strikes will result in a grade of F for KINES 142 and NC for KINES 143 A, B, C, or D, whichever the student is currently enrolled in at the time of obtaining the third strike and removal from the clinical site. This will result in the student having to repeat the clinical practicum course (KINES 143) and seminar course (KINES 142) for the student to be eligible to graduate from California State University, Fresno. Therefore, the Program Director will not be able to sponsor the Athletic Training Student as a candidate to sit for the Board of Certification, Inc. examination until this requirement is completed.

Items which constitute strikes:

1. Unexcused absence

Failure of the Athletic Training Student to notify the Approved Clinical Instructor (ACI) prior to arrival of scheduled time or failure to make appropriate arrangements will result in a strike. Students are expected to attend their clinical experience during assigned hours and to arrive at the facility on time and stay the assigned number of hours.

2. Unethical conduct/behavior

Athletic Training Students are expected to behave in a legal, ethical, and professional manner. Inappropriate behavior may result in removal of a student from an assigned clinical facility/rotation and will result in a strike.

3. Excessive tardiness

Three (3) tardies (arriving late) per rotation will be considered the equivalent of one (1) unexcused absence and will result in a strike.

4. Low Clinical Performance Assessment

If an Athletic Training Student receives a semester average of less than 70% on a clinical performance assessment the student will receive a strike.

Strike Appeal Process

After a strike is received the Athletic Training Student has 10 days to file an appeal in writing to the ATEP Program Director. All appeals will be heard and voted on by a committee comprised of the Program Director, the Clinical Coordinator, the student's ACI/CI, a peer athletic training student, and a Kinesiology faculty member (recruited by the Program Director).