

POLICY ON INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIORS IN CLINICAL EDUCATION AND USC AFFILIATED SITES

POLICY

The University of South Carolina Athletic Training Program is committed to fostering an environment that promotes academic success for students and instructors at all clinical education sites. Athletic training students should conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. At no time should they engage in conduct that would undermine their patients' confidence or cause a conflict of interest in their patients' care. Inappropriate and unacceptable behaviors that demonstrate disrespect for others or a lack of professionalism will not be tolerated. Inappropriate relationships include but not limited to those with patients, supervisors, preceptors, coaches, and staff in the clinical education setting can be detrimental to patient care and the learning process. If a pre-existing relationship is present, it is the athletic training student's responsibility to inform the Program Director and Clinical Education Coordinator as soon as possible after receiving clinical site assignments and before reporting to that clinical site for an educational experience. The Clinical Education Coordinator will re-assign the athletic training student to a different clinical assignment to avoid any detriment to patient care and student learning. All USC Preceptors and clinical education sites have the right to dismiss students from their clinical site for inappropriate or unacceptable behaviors.

Violations for inappropriate and unacceptable behaviors could result in failure of AT clinical education courses as well as dismissal from the clinical education site and/or athletic training program. All reported cases will be handled on an individual basis by the AT Program Disciplinary Committee. If you have any questions regarding inappropriate relationships and behaviors in the clinical education setting, please contact the Program Director and/or Clinical Education Coordinator.

ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT VERIFICATION

I have received, read, and reviewed the AT Program Policy and Procedures listed above for inappropriate and unacceptable behaviors while participating in the AT Program. I understand that I have access to this document and all other Policy and Procedures for the AT Program through Blackboard at any time during my tenure within the AT Program. I understand that violations for inappropriate and unacceptable behaviors could result in removal from a clinical education site and failure of the corresponding clinical class, as well as possible dismissal from the AT Program.

Date: _____

Signature, Athletic Training Student

Name, Athletic Training Student (Print)

Signature, Parent/Guardian
(If student is under 18)

Name, Parent/Guardian (Print)

