

Radford University
Department of Exercise, Sport and Health Education
Athletic Training Education Program

Criteria for Progression and Completion

Students accepted into the Athletic Training Education Program at Radford University are expected to make satisfactory academic progress, and possess the required academic ability, technical expertise character and attitude suitable for athletic training. Students are informed of the following criteria used to evaluate academic and clinical progress:

1. Maintain a cumulative grade point of a 2.50 or better.
2. Earn a “C” or better in all athletic training education major courses (see progress sheet for details).
3. Earn and maintain a “3” or better on all athletic training behaviors (including professional disposition and behavior) evaluated at the clinical site.
4. Maintain current CPR and First Aid certification through the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.

Consequences for not meeting the above criteria are:

1. Failure to meet the cumulative GPA of a 2.50 or better will result in the student being placed on program probation. The student will be allowed to enroll in appropriate athletic training coursework and will remain on probation until the grade point average is raised to a 2.50 or higher. Two consecutive semesters on probation will result in removal from the program.
2. Failure to earn a “C” or better in an athletic training related subject matter course (BIOL 310, BIOL 311, ESHE 390, ESHE 395, ESHE 392, ESHE 461, ESHE 465) will result in the student being placed on program probation. The student will be allowed to enroll in appropriate athletic training coursework and will remain on probation until the course is successfully completed with a “C” or better. Two consecutive semesters on probation will result in removal from the program. Failure to earn a “C” or better in an athletic training core course (ESHE 250, ESHE 323, ESHE 325, ESHE 335, ESHE 340, ESHE 345, ESHE 422, ESHE 355, ESHE 365, ESHE 420, ESHE 430) will result in the student not being allowed to enroll in any clinical practica or athletic training courses until the class that resulted in the “D” or “F” grade is reoffered. This will ultimately result in a minimum of at least a 1 year delay in graduation.

3. Failure to earn and maintain a “3” or better on all athletic training behaviors evaluated at the clinical site will result in the student being placed on program probation. The student will be allowed to enroll in appropriate athletic training coursework and will remain on probation until the skill is successfully completed with a “3” or better. Two consecutive semesters on probation will result in removal from the program.
4. Failure to maintain current CPR or First Aid Certification will result in the inability to participate in clinical experiences until current certification is received in the program office. This will affect student performance in the practicum courses.

The student has the right to appeal any decisions made by the Athletic Training Education Program Director.

If a student wishes to object to the decision of the Athletic training Education Program Director, he or she must provide a written, reasoned objection to the Department Chair for Exercise, Sport and Health Education within 5 working days of notification. The chair will set a date within 10 days to meet with the student and the Athletic Training Education Program Director. The chair will notify the student of the decision within 5 days. If the student wishes to appeal the department chair’s decision, the student may appeal to the department of Exercise, Sport and Health Education’s personnel committee.

The committee will decide if further appeal is warranted. If the committee decides that the student’s appeal has merit, the student will be informed immediately, and a meeting will be set with the committee within 10 working days. If the committee feels that the appeal lacks merit, the student will be notified and this will end the appeal process.

If the case is reviewed by the committee, an appeal date will occur within ten class days following the decision to review the appeal. The committee may interview the student, the Athletic Training Education Program Director and others involved in this matter. If the committee decides to interview individuals, representatives of both sides of the appeal must be interviewed.

A written copy of the decision of the committee will be sent to the student within three days of the meeting to review the appeal. The decision of the personnel committee is final.