East Carolina University  
Master of Science in Athletic Training  

Code of Ethics

In addition to the NATA Code of Ethics, the following standards apply to those enrolled in the Master of Science in Athletic Training degree program at ECU. Failure to abide by these standards can lead to permanent expulsion from the program.

1. I will be honest with my ability and myself. I will admit if I lack the knowledge or skill, and will not attempt to bluff my way through any situation.
2. Under no circumstances will I attempt to carry out a procedure or evaluate an injury/illness unless I have the knowledge and proficiency mastered.
3. I acknowledge that altering; copying, sharing, removing or tampering with medical records is not tolerated and is a violation of the law.
4. I will strictly maintain medical confidentiality. I will be aware of my when discussing an injury/illness, and be mindful when working on medical records. I understand that colleagues and teammates do not have a right to know other’s conditions; furthermore, it is illegal.
5. I will use good judgement when discussing the events of the day - practice, occurrences in the athletic training room, etc. Even though they may not be medical in nature, much of what occurs here is not for public knowledge.
6. I will encourage and promote scholarship achievement in others. I will strictly adhere to the Academic Integrity policies of ECU. I will not lie, steal or cheat.
7. I will not use medications unless they are specifically prescribed for me. I will not use non-therapeutic drugs.
8. I understand that negative actions in or outside of the athletic training education program may have a profound effect on my continuing in the program, especially if they affect patient safety or trust in me.
9. I will be professional at all times while representing ECU. My dress, mannerisms, attitude, integrity and character will reflect positively on our program, while at home and away.
10. Unless given permission by my supervising athletic trainer, I will strictly adhere to team rules while traveling. I know I am not to be in athletes’ or coaches’ rooms unless in the presence of my preceptor. I will not allow athletes/coaches in my room.
11. I will be cooperative, courteous, and considerate to staff, coaches, colleagues, student athletes and visitors. I am aware that I represent our program and the medical profession - and will act accordingly.
12. I will avoid rude behavior, inappropriate language, discriminatory remarks or behaviors, and criticism of others.
13. I will show respect for the certified staff, physicians, and allied health professionals affiliated with the program. I am aware that any comments or actions interpreted as being disrespectful will not be tolerated.
14. I will strive to always be early, prepared and professional when in uniform.

I have read and understood the above Policy. I understand that if I fail to uphold any aspect of this Policy, I may be suspended indefinitely from the Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP). I further give my written consent to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities to disclose to the ATEP information from my records relating to this Policy. I also understand this form is effective for one calendar year from the date signed.

Printed name______________________  
Signed Name______________________

Date:______________

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