

Policy Title: Athletic Participation		Approved Signature(s): <hr/> Department Chair, Athletic Training	
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Section: Academic Policies and Procedures

Subject: Participation of Athletic Training Students in Athletics

Purpose: To define the policy on athletic training students in a intercollegiate athletic sport as it applies to the Athletic Training Education Program.

Policy:

Many of the prospective students who express interest in the Southwest Baptist University Athletic Training Program are also interested in participating in one or more intercollegiate sports during their college years. Because the athletic training program has a significant clinical component which often requires student commitment during afternoons, evenings, and on weekends, time of sport demands and clinical requirements can conflict between sport demands and clinical requirements. The athletic training faculty are committed to encouraging students and assisting them in taking advantage of the rich co-curricular opportunities available at Southwest Baptist University. They are also dedicated to making sure that students can graduate on time, fulfill all the requirements for the athletic training major, and have enough quality clinical experiences to enable them to become skilled health care professionals. The following policy is designed to accomplish both of these purposes.

- I. The intention on the part of the prospective student to participate in intercollegiate athletics shall not factor into the admissions decision for the athletic training program.
- II. Students admitted to the athletic training program may participate in intercollegiate athletics
- III. Athletic training students shall limit their participation to one intercollegiate team.
- IV. Athletic training students who are members of an intercollegiate team shall participate and practice **full-time** during their team's **formal traditional season only**. Athletic training students may participate in the off-season times, but must adhere to **Policy 04.19 Time Commitment**.
- V. Athletic training students who participate in intercollegiate athletics must, like all students, fulfill all the didactic and clinical program requirements before they may graduate. All such students are strongly encouraged to consult the program director early in their program since effective planning is crucial to on-time graduation for these students.
- VI. All students are required to have at least one "equipment intensive" clinical experience (e.g. football). Athletic training students who participate in football may be required to return for a ninth semester in which they will be assigned to work with football.
- VII. A mandatory meeting is required with the student, coach, and the Department Chair of Athletic Training to outline specific time requirements and to clarify to all parties the student's time commitment/schedule for both parties.
- VIII. Fall and Spring athletes will be required to commit the January Term, this is required to complete the clinical educational proficiencies and gain clinical field experience.
- IX. Winter athletes will be required to commit to coming in for fall pre-season training, as well as, more time in the early fall and late spring semesters. This is required to complete the educational proficiencies and gain clinical field experience.