

Policy Title: Directed Observer		Approved Signature(s): <hr/> Department Chair, Athletic Training	
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**PURPOSE:** Establish guidelines for participation by pre-athletic training majors in the Directed Observer Program at SBU.

**POLICY:** Pre-athletic training majors, or college students, who have yet to enter the professional phase of the ATEP can volunteer to observe in the athletic training venues associated with SBU.

**DEFINITION:** A directed observer is a student not in the professional phase of the ATEP and is observing the athletic training environment.

**PROCEDURE:** Pre-athletic training majors, or college students, who have yet to enter the professional phase of the ATEP, are required to observe in the athletic training venues associated with SBU. A “Directed Observer” is a student not in the professional phase of the ATEP and is observing in the athletic training environment.

This will allow the student to:

Acclimate the pre-athletic training major to the environment of athletic training.

Strengthen the convictions of the pre-athletic training major to become a professional athletic trainer.

Promote the personal and professional growth of the pre-athletic training major.

Eligibility requirements:

Any student that is enrolled in ATH 2013 Introduction to Athletic Training is required to observe in this program.

Or, Any student that is interested in the profession. Prior approval must be given from the program director for students not enrolled in ATH 2013 Introduction to Athletic Training.

Availability:

Times and events to the directed observer are available each semester in the training room through the athletic training’s clinical faculty.

Opportunities may be limited due to accreditation standards and/or sport.

Athletic Training Students are encouraged to observe a variety of events or practices to become familiar with the many venues in which an athletic trainer may serve.

Duties:

- At no time will the directed observer be asked to perform skilled athletic training services that directly or indirectly involve patient care.
- The directed observer may be asked to perform non-skilled services including, but not limited to the following:
  - Preparing hydration stations
  - Physically moving supplies to prepare for an event or venue
  - Perform athletic training related errands to assist the staff
  - The directed observer will be prompt, courteous and professional.
  - Keep a journal/log of events that are validated by the staff.
  - Follow the appropriate dress code.
  - Perform duties asked.

Documentation:

The directed observer is required to maintain an active log of dates, times, and events observed during the respective academic semester. A member of the athletic training faculty/staff must sign the log entry to validate the event.

Thirty (15) hours of “Directed Observer” experience are required to enter into the professional phase of the program.