

**UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA
ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION PROGRAM
Clinical Supervision and Skill Acquisition Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to define the roles and responsibilities of an athletic training student during clinical experiences and clinical education. *Athletic training students may only participate in supervised clinical experiences. An athletic training student who feels that they are being forced or coerced into any unsupervised situations should contact the ATEP Director immediately.*

I. SUPERVISED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

A supervised clinical experience is when a program clinical instructor, or another approved health care professional such as a doctor associated with the program, is physically present and can intervene on behalf of the patient. This means that the clinical instructor can have **both visual and auditory contact** with the athletic training student. When in a supervised clinical experience, the student can perform any and all skills that are *previously mastered*. Previously mastered refers to skills that have been *instructed* in the classroom, as part of an athletic training course, and then *practiced* under the supervision of both the course instructor and the athletic training student's current approved clinical instructor.

II. UNSUPERVISED EXPERIENCE

An unsupervised experience is one in which a program clinical instructor is **NOT physically present** to intervene on behalf of the patient. This would include practice situations where no clinical instructor is present. *Athletic training students MAY NOT, under any circumstances, perform any athletic training-related skills or services under these circumstances, unless there is an emergency that necessitates action.* In cases of emergency, the athletic training student must ONLY perform basic lifesaving actions as taught in American Red Cross CPR and Standard First Aid courses.

III. SKILL ACQUISITION AND CLINICAL PRACTICE

As an athletic training student, you will be learning basic healthcare skills over the course of your education at UNO. For the protection of both student-athletes and athletic training students, these skills CANNOT be practiced on any patients until they have been formally evaluated by the athletic training student's ACI AND the instructor of the course associated with the skill. Once these skills have been evaluated and deemed satisfactory, the athletic training student may begin to use these skills *only while under the direct supervision of the student's ACI/CI*. AT NO TIME may any athletic training student perform athletic training skills in unsupervised situations.

To the athletic Training Student: Your signature indicates that you have read, understand, and accept the guidelines presented above and that you are currently certified in the following:
(*Initial* all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Automated External Defibrillation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Standard First Aid | <input type="checkbox"/> Bloodborne Pathogens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation for the Professional Rescuer | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oxygen Administration for the Professional Rescuer | |

To the Approved Clinical Instructor: Your signature indicates that you have read this policy, that you understand that no athletic training student can perform skills unless they have been taught these skills and have practiced them (on healthy individuals) under the supervision of the course instructor and an ACI, and that at no time can an athletic training student be left unsupervised (out of auditory and visual contact) during their clinical education.

(Athletic Training Student Signature)

(Date)

(Approved Clinical Instructor Signature)

(Date)

(Athletic Training Program Director)

(Date)