

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM

ATS – Direct Supervision Document

Terminology

Direct Supervision – The constant visual and auditory interaction between the ATS and preceptor. Direct supervision refers to the close monitoring of the Athletic Training student during the clinical experience. The Clinical Preceptor must be physically present and have the ability to intervene on behalf of the Athletic Training students and the patient. The ATS can perform any and all skills that have been previously mastered (e.g. proficiencies that have been signed off by the preceptor) when directly supervised by a preceptor. Only clinical hours that occur under the direct supervision of a Clinical Preceptor are recognized by CAATE and LU's ATP. Radio or cell phone contact does not constitute direct supervision and is an infraction of LU's clinical policies.

Supervision of Professional Athletic Training Students – “A physical presence of the clinical instructor allowing for ‘visual and verbal’ contact between the preceptor and the student with ‘the ability for the preceptor to intervene on behalf of the patient’.” (Source: CAATE: 2007 Standards)

Unsupervised: Any clinical experience in which the ATS is acting without the physical presence of a Preceptor.

The ATS may not:

1. Be considered a “first responder” or “first aid provider” for an LU ATP sponsored event (LU athletics, local high school event, or clinic).
2. Travel with any athletic team without a preceptor present.
3. Initiate, plan or progress a rehabilitation plan without preceptor/supervision.
4. Use electrical or ultrasound modalities without preceptor/supervision.
5. Conduct a full, new evaluation of an injury without preceptor/supervision.
6. Make a return-to-play decision without preceptor/supervision.

I have read, fully understand, and agree to adhere to the definitions and ATS responsibilities listed above.

LU ATP ATS Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/20___

(Printed Name): _____

LU Witness Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/20___

(Printed Name): _____