

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM

Injury/Illness Policy

The purpose of Liberty University's Athletic Training Program (ATP) Injury Policy is to protect the health and safety of the students, faculty members, preceptors, and patients. This policy will ensure the welfare of the students enrolled in the Athletic Training major as well as those patients you may come in contact with during your clinical experiences. It is designed to provide Athletic Training students, preceptors, and faculty with a plan to assist in the management of students with injuries.

Examples of Injuries and Illnesses

Concussion, traumatic brain injuries, depression, mental health disorders, and others deemed significant by a physician or mental health counselor.

Steps to Follow with Injuries and mental health disorders

1. Report the injury or mental health issue to the preceptor, ATP Clinical Coordinator, and faculty member of the clinical education course you are currently enrolled in.
2. Seek immediate medical attention at the LU Campus Health Services or another local healthcare provider. Inform the provider that you are a student enrolled in an Allied Healthcare Major and discuss whether you should be restricted from interaction at clinical sites and/or classes.
3. Obtain written documentation from the attending physician in regards to your ability to continue with classes and clinical experiences or if restrictions are required.
4. Share the documentation with the clinical coordinator, preceptor, and faculty instructing your courses.
5. If the student is ill enough to miss ANY class or clinical experience, the student must notify the faculty teaching the course or preceptor immediately. Any absence must be supported with written documentation from the attending physician.
6. The student will not be allowed to attend classes or clinical experiences until he/she is cleared by a physician. Appropriate remediation will be allowed to the student as long as the procedures above are followed. In the event there is a prolonged injury or mental health issue the student cannot finish the required clinical experience hours or required coursework, a grade of "I" (incomplete) will be granted and the student will be allowed to make-up the work in the following semester.
7. Students will not be permitted to return to the clinical experience until he/she has been re-evaluated by a medical practitioner. A signed release from a medical practitioner must be filled with the Clinical Coordinator in order for the student to return to his/her clinical experience.