

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM

ATS Acceptable Patient Interaction Form

Examples of misconduct which will result in disciplinary action and possibly dismissal:

- Extending any athletic training care or services outside supervised clinical education time.
- Providing personal information such as contact information to any patient.
- Engaging in social media forums with patients or about anything related to being an ATS.
- Engaging in social media forums in any manner that reflects negatively on the profession, program, and/or university.
- Engaging in social media forums about the ATP, ATP members, or patients.

ATS RELATIONSHIPS WITH PATIENTS

- Clearly defined boundaries between patients and ATS must be established and maintained at all times.
- Maintaining professional working relationships at all times with athletes/patients is expected by all Athletic Training Students regardless of the fact that these may be peers and classmates.
- Avoid all types of relationships with patients. This is termed fraternizing. Disciplinary action should be expected for those in violation.
- ATSs will be subject to dismissal for any conduct (inside or outside the ATP) or associated conduct that affects their performance as an athletic training student, interferes with a clinical rotation, or adversely impacts any other ATP member. There is to be NO EVIDENCE (witnessed or reported) of any relationships falling into this category. Verifiable actions such as social media, socializing, flirting, and patient favoritism negatively reflects upon the ATP and will not be tolerated.
- ATS have privileged access to a specialized population. Using the clinical assignment as a social portal in any form or fashion will not be tolerated and the ATS will be subject to permanent dismissal.
- Never discuss a patient's injury or injury status with anyone other than the patient, preceptor or the medical staff as permitted by HIPAA. Under no circumstances is a patient's status to be discussed with other outside the medical/clinical staff. Anything shared by a patient is part of medical confidentiality. All Athletic Training Students must adhere to all Federal HIPAA regulations or will be disciplined accordingly by the program and/or by Federal authorities. Whatever is seen or heard in any clinical education site remains in with the clinical education site.
- Athletic Training students that are known to have knowledge of inappropriate conduct of another ATS may be subject to the same disciplinary consequences as the individual committing the infraction.

LU ATP Athletic Training Student: The signatures below confirm that you have read, fully understand, and are in full agreement with upholding the above ATS Acceptable Patient Interaction Policy.

LU ATP ATS Printed Name: _____

LU ATP ATS Signature: _____ **Date:** ____/____/20____