



## Athletic Training Education Program

### Observation Instructions for Student

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You are required to make your own arrangements for observation/volunteer hours. You are not to portray yourself as being associated with the University of South Florida or the University of South Florida Athletic Training Education Program and therefore any arrangement that you make with the supervising ATC is solely between you and the ATC. You are required follow that ATC's or the site's rules, dress code, etc. You will make your schedule for observation directly with the ATC. You are expected to show up when you are scheduled. **You must complete blood borne pathogen training prior to beginning your observation hours.** See instructions included in this packet.

All observation hours are due when you turn in the application (February 1 of each year for admission the following summer). You will be allowed to complete no more than 10 hours per week. Half of your hours (25 hours) must be completed in a "traditional" athletic training setting ( i.e., high school, college or university, or professional sports). The other 25 hours may be done in a sports medicine clinic. All hours must be supervised by a **Certified Athletic Trainer**.

Upon completion of your hours with that ATC, please give him/her the evaluation form. They will evaluate your performance, sign it, put it in a sealed envelope with their signature across the seal. They should give the sealed envelope to you. You are to include this with your application. The ATC may also send the evaluation directly to me. You should note this in your application.

Remember, you are being evaluated during your observation hours. These evaluations will make up a large part of your application points. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Pradeep Vanguri, Clinical Coordinator, or me.

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**This side to be completed by the supervising ATC**

1 = does not desire traits/qualities compatible with the field of Athletic Training, 5= superior demonstration of traits/qualities compatible with the field of athletic training.	NA	1	2	3	4	5	Comments
Personal Appearance							
Personal Demeanor							
Display of Initiative							
Maturity							
Personal rapport with ATCs or other health professionals							
Personal rapport with athletes/patients/clients							
Dependability							
Responsiveness to suggestions							
Verbal Communication Skills							
Written Communication Skills (including medical documentation)							
Willingness to learn and grow							

Comments:

Please seal in an envelope, sign across the seal and give back to the student. He/She will submit the observation evaluation with the rest of the application material.

I supervised this student for \_\_\_\_ hours of observation during the dates stated above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
NATABOC #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Phone

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To Supervising Athletic Trainer:

\_\_\_\_\_ is planning to apply to the University of South Florida Athletic Training Education Program. One of the requirements for admission is 50 hours of observation/volunteer hours with a Certified Athletic Trainer. We feel that it is important for students applying to the program to understand the day-to-day duties of the Certified Athletic Trainer. We have found that students with prior knowledge of the profession have an easier transition once they are admitted to the rigorous academic and clinical components of an athletic training program.

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All observation hours are due when the student turns in the application (February 1 of each year for admission the following summer). The student should be completing no more than 10 hours per week with you. If at anytime you are unable to work with this student, you may suggest that he/she should discontinue observing you. Please let me know of any problem students (or any exceptional students) you have via e-mail or phone. Please also let me know if you have dismissed a student from his/her observation hours with you.

Please fill out the recommendation form for all students after he/she has completed his/her hours with you. Please seal the recommendation in an envelope with your signature across the flap and return it to the student to be submitted with his/her application materials. You may also send the form directly to me. Your input is crucial to the selection of students who will be successful in our program. If you have questions about the University of South Florida Athletic Training Education Program, please contact Dr. Pradeep Vanguri, Clinical Coordinator, or me.

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## Blood Borne Pathogen Training

If you are currently a USF student and your major is Pre-Athletic Training

Log into Blackboard <http://my.usf.edu> Click on the organization tab. You should see the organization PRE-ATHLETIC TRAINING MAJORS. If you do not see this organization and you have declared or changed your major to Pre-Athletic Training, please contact Dr. Micki Cuppett at [mcuppett@health.usf.edu](mailto:mcuppett@health.usf.edu) to be added to the organization.

Click on the Observation Hours folder. Click on Blood Borne Pathogen Training. Review the Powerpoint and then take the quiz. Once you have successfully completed the quiz (>70%), you must print out your score. Take one copy with you when you meet the Athletic Trainer who has agreed to supervise your hours. Print another copy to be submitted with your application.

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