

## **New Fellowship Proposal Process**

The CAATE accredits Fellowship programs in subspecialties when it can be demonstrated that the clinical care and safety of patients will be improved through accreditation of education and training in that subspecialty. Proposals must address the items below, providing justification for the new subspecialty area and demonstrating that there is a current need for Athletic Trainers with this subspecialty training.

New fellowship proposals must be completed through eAccreditation's Substantive Change tab informing the CAATE of the program's request. Institution/organization administrator uploads a formal letter to the CAATE on institutional/organizational letterhead and all supporting documentation as outlined below in eAccreditation through the Substantive Change tab.

Proposals for designation of a Fellowship program for which accreditation will be offered must provide documentation on the professional and scientific status of the new subspecialty, including at minimum, evidence of the following:

- A) The clinical care and safety of patients will be improved through the recognition of the subspecialty.
- B) Demonstration of an existence of a body of scientific medical knowledge underlying the subspecialty that is:
  - a. Focused on a body system or population within the larger Specialty area.
  - b. Clinically distinct from other areas in which accreditation is already offered.
  - c. Sufficient for educating individuals in a clinical field, and not simply educating more techniques.
- C) The proposed subspecialty area has an established presence in healthcare at a national level and it falls within the domains of Athletic Training.
- D) The educational program is primarily clinical in accordance with the accreditation standards for Fellowship programs.