



Commission on Accreditation
of Athletic Training Education

News Bulletin

Spring 2010 Update

Message from the CAATE President

This edition of the CAATE Spring 2010 provides brief updates on the continuous improvement initiatives that are currently underway. During the first quarter of 2010, we have been working closely with our IT project team assessing and programming content and delivery of accreditation services in an automated environment. While we are obviously not at our goal of converting all accreditation processes to an electronic format, we are confident that the CAATE is moving toward that goal, and we hope you share our enthusiasm. Additionally, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a couple of events that are extremely important to both the CAATE and all educational programs.

Commissioners Micki Cuppett and Mark Laursen have worked diligently to put together a plan to gather feedback from current program directors and clinical educators. The feedback will be obtained through focus groups meetings held in Philadelphia during the National Athletic Trainer's Association annual meeting. The purpose of these meetings is to seek specific feedback related to the both the educational process and the outcomes associated with entry level athletic training education. I am asking you to PLEASE get involved in the process. We very much want to hear your thoughts.

Additionally, Linda Bobo and I are working on a survey, aimed at program directors and department chairs, in an effort to gather input on the perceived education value and of specific educational Standards. The survey will also address the clarity of specific Standards. Both of these important activities are critical as we prepare to launch the revision process of the accreditation educational Standards. We really want your input!

Finally, we are looking forward to electing a new Commissioner to fill the spot vacated by David Kaiser. We will miss Dave, but look forward to a new member as well. Please take the time to vote. It's very important!

Please drop by our booth in Philadelphia and say hello!

Greg Gardner
CAATE President

2009 – 2010 Annual Report

Recently, Programs that are required to submit an Annual Report for the 2009 - 2010 academic year, should have received a copy of an abbreviated 2009-2010 Annual Report with instructions for completing the document. The CAATE is currently transitioning from a paper driven to an automated environment.

In doing so, we are also assessing the content and delivery of all the current accreditation processes. For this reporting period **ONLY**, you will not be required to submit tables. You will, however, need to ensure that **ALL**

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documents are current and accessible for review upon request and / or for the audit process. The deadline for submitting the Annual Report is **May 14, 2010**. Any programs submitting Reports after the 14th will automatically be required to participate in the audit process.

Finally, for this year only the completed Annual Report should be submitted to the following address AR@caate.net.

CAATE Database Access

As we continue to transition our processes and delivery of accreditation services, periodically we will send e-communications to accredited Programs, so that you are aware of the nature, impact, and timeline associated with the changes.

Beginning the first week of May 2010, we will start to transfer CAATE data to the new accreditation database system. As a result, effective **May 1, 2010**, the current Online Login Services will be suspended. Until further notice, any contact changes you have for your Program, or if you need to order student certificates, please contact Sheila Caruthers at either Sheila@caate.net or 512-733-9700. We will be happy to make the requested changes.

CAATE Focus Groups in Philadelphia

Please join us this year at the NATA meeting. We have dedicated two (2) days to solicit your ideas / feedback focused on clinical education experiences and CAATE continuous improvement opportunities. The target audience for the focus groups includes: program directors, faculty member ACIs and CIs. Space is limited; please RSVP to Patsy House at patsy@caate.net , so that we can plan accordingly. Program directors can RSVP for the ACI and / or CI.

Your voice and experiences are valued and needed!

When: June 23, 2010 @ 8:45a – 10:15a and again @ 2:00p – 3:30p
June 24, 2010 @ 8:45a – 10:15a and again @ 4:45p – 6:15p

Where: Convention Center – MC405

We hope to see you there!!

CAATE Booth in Philadelphia

The CAATE is thrilled to announce we will have a booth located in the NATA Pavilion during the NATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia in Philadelphia. Please stop by to see a brief demonstration of some of the automated services we are currently developing. This will also be a great opportunity to visit with CAATE Office Staff and Commissioners.

New CAATE email addresses

Please note the following new email address information for the CAATE staff. To allow adequate time for transition, we will continue to check the old email addresses for the next thirty (30) days. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Executive Director – Patsy House patsy@caate.net

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