

THE COMMISSION INVITES OPEN COMMENT FROM ALL STAKEHOLDERS



OPEN COMMENT ON CHANGES TO PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM STANDARDS 28 AND 29

The Standards Committee was asked to review Professional Program Standards 28 and 29 by both the Annual Report Committee and the Review Committee based on the number of non-compliances on these two standards during the 2014-2015 academic year. The Standards Committee feels strongly that providers who have the potential to be credentialed in their discipline should have that credential when teaching clinical content whether or not an actual patient population is involved. In other words, students in these classes should be afforded the same protections as patients. To that end, the committee recommends the elimination of Standard 29 and the modification of Standard 28 as edited below.

Standard 28: All faculty assigned and responsible for the instruction of athletic training knowledge *and skills, and abilities in required coursework necessary for direct patient care* must possess a current state credential and be in good standing with the state regulatory agency (~~where and when applicable~~ *in states with regulation*). ~~when teaching hands-on athletic training patient care techniques with an actual patient population.~~ *In addition, faculty who are solely credentialed as athletic trainers, and who teach knowledge and skills necessary for direct patient care must be BOC certified.*

Standard 29: ~~"Athletic Training Faculty Qualifications: All athletic trainers who are identified as the primary instructor for athletic training courses (as identified by the matrix) must be certified and in good standing with the BOC and, where applicable, be credentialed by the state."~~

The Commission invites open comment from all stakeholders regarding the clarity of this language and the impact of the change to these two Standards. The Open Comment survey can be accessed here (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RQ7W2Y5>) and will remain open for feedback until January 4th, 2016.