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OPEN COMMENT

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OPEN COMMENT

The Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) requests your feedback on the initial draft of proposed revisions to the *Standards for Accreditation of Professional Athletic Training Programs*. The proposed revisions to the Standards are being opened for public comment in two parts. The first part (included here) includes operational Standards and the second part (to open at a later date) will include specific curricular content. These proposed revisions to the operational Standards, once adopted, will apply only to professional programs at the master's degree level. Please review the following information before beginning the process of providing comment and feedback.

Stakeholder Feedback

Stakeholder feedback is vital to Standard development. The Commission and the Standards Committee encourage all stakeholders to participate in this process. Feedback will be categorized and reviewed by both the Commission and the Standards Committee and will be used to help revise and refine the proposed Standards. While all comments and suggestions are welcome, feedback that provides suggestions for change or improvement, or specific comments relative to impact to programs and/or institutions are most helpful and provide the best means for refining the Standards.

Standards and Open Comment Formatting

The format of the proposed Standards is different from the format of the 2012 Standards. In this new format, the Standard is stated and an annotation is provided that expands on the Standard and adds any necessary clarification of the Standard. For this open comment process, we have also referenced the Standards from the current (2012) edition that are encompassed within the new Standards. Some proposed Standards are entirely new while some current Standards are expected to be retired and are not included in the draft.

There is a section within these Standards titled "Curricular Content". In the near future, this section will contain embedded Standards that will comprise the new teaching content for professional programs. This Curricular Content section of the Standards is still in the drafting process and is not included for feedback in this open comment period. There will be an additional, separate request for feedback about the Curricular Content section of the Standards in the near future.

As previously noted, the proposed Standards will be revised and refined based on public feedback including the reviewed and categorized comments from the open comment period as well as focus group feedback. Again, the revised Standards, *once adopted*, would apply to master's level professional athletic training programs. The specific date of implementation will be determined based upon completion of the development of the final draft of the Standard, but will not occur before the 2019-2020 academic year (i.e. self-studies for 2016-17, 17-18, and 18-19 use the 2012 Standards). Professional programs still offered at the baccalaureate level will continue to follow the 2012 Standards,

which will be modified to include the new Curricular Content section mentioned above once it has been commented upon, revised and approved.

Invitation to Participate

The Commission invites open comment from all program stakeholders, and specifically encourages program directors to forward this communication to program faculty, administrators, and preceptors for their feedback. Stakeholders may refer to the previous communication from the Commission regarding the criteria that the Commission intends to include in the Standards relative to [Curricular Planning](#). For your convenience, the open comment process has been organized into sections using the proposed section headings that will appear in the Standards document. Below you can access each section of the proposed Standards for your comments and you can **click [HERE](#)** to access a complete document with all included Standards for pre-review prior to completing the open comments section by section. All open comment links will remain open until **JULY 1, 2016**.

Click [HERE](#) to review and comment on **Section I: Mission and Goals, Program Assessment, and Program Quality**

Click [HERE](#) to review and comment on **Section II: Curriculum and Instruction**

Click [HERE](#) to review and comment on **Section III: Curricular Content.** *Please note that this section currently contains only two Standards, as the remaining curricular content will be released in a separate open comment period.

Click [HERE](#) to review and comment on **Section IV: Institutional Organization and Administration**

Click [HERE](#) to review and comment on **Section V: Program Resources**

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