

Personal Philosophy statement

I feel this is an opportunistic time for the profession of athletic training with healthcare reform taking place. Opportunity to be proactive and position our profession to meet the demands of the changing healthcare landscape, is before us. 8 million more people are now insured and have access to healthcare, there is and will continue to be shortage of healthcare providers. The Triple Aim of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) consists of; improving the experience of care, improving the health of populations, and reducing per capita costs of health care. This concept parallels the medical model of the athletic training profession. We manage and provide quality care for many patients, produce great outcomes with high patient satisfaction, and at the same time being cost effective. Although we have been working in this model for decades we have not done a great job of demonstrating how we do this. In order to be recognized within the conversation of competent healthcare professionals, we also need to demonstrate the competencies to be competitive in the marketplace. This starts with our foundation of athletic training educational standards defined through the CAATE. We have been exceptional at what we have done in the past, however we also have to look to the future to continue the practice athletic training at the top of our scope of practice. I have been committed to demonstrate the value of athletic training both currently and with the future in mind. I have conducted research, published papers, and written articles on patient satisfaction, physician satisfaction, patient throughput, and ATs working in a cost containment model. My commitment to the advancement of the profession is demonstrated with the conception and start of one of the first athletic training residency programs in the country and my current program being the third athletic training residency to receive CAATE accreditation. It has been an honor to work with both the NATA and CAATE reviewing the educational standards for post professional residency programs on the CAATE Educational Transition Team as well as serving as a CAATE Site Visitor and Review Team member over the past four years. It would be an honor and privilege to continue my work and contribute to the future success of the profession as a CAATE commissioner.

Sincerely,

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