



**2012 Substantial Equivalent Documentation for non-U.S. Programs
Standards and Instructions**

Please note that only the specific standards identified below are eligible for consideration of *substantial equivalence*. For all other standards, programs must demonstrate appropriate evidence of compliance without any request for specific evaluation of *substantial equivalence*.

2012 CAATE STANDARDS	SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCE INSTRUCTIONS
Sponsorship	
<p>1. The sponsoring institution must be accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and must be legally authorized to provide a program of post-secondary education. For programs outside of the United States, the institution must be accredited by a recognized post-secondary accrediting agency.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For programs outside of the U.S., approval by the countries appropriate educational oversight body (e.g., ministry of education) will be considered substantially equivalent. • Provide documentation verifying the institution is properly recognized by the appropriate governmental or non-governmental approval agency to offer higher education.
<p>2. CAATE accredited professional athletic training programs must lead to a degree in Athletic Training. The program must be identified as an academic athletic training degree in institutional academic publications. The degree must appear on the official transcript similar to normal designations for other degrees at the institution.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For programs outside of the U.S., a degree in Athletic Therapy will be considered substantially equivalent. • Provide documentation verifying the name of the degree as either Athletic Training or Athletic Therapy. A combination of 'Athletic Training and Therapy' is also considered substantially equivalent. Additional degree names will be evaluated on an individual basis. • Provide an official transcript of a student demonstrating the degree name on the transcript (blind all student identifiers or provide a sample student transcript).

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Personnel	
<p>19. Program Director Qualifications: The Program Director must be certified, and be in good standing with the Board of Certification (BOC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For programs outside of the U.S., some other health care credentials will be considered substantially equivalent. These include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Canada = credentialing from the Canadian Athletic Therapist Association ○ Ireland = credentialing from the Athletic Rehabilitation Therapists of Ireland ○ United Kingdom = credentialing from the Society of Sports Therapists or the British Association of Sport Rehabilitators and Trainers ○ Other countries not listed above must petition for recognition of a specific credentialed health care profession as substantially equivalent. • Provide a narrative describing how the health care credential is similar to BOC Certified Athletic Trainers in the U.S. • Provide verification of comparable certification • Submit curriculum vitae
<p>20. Program Director Qualifications: The Program Director must possess a current state athletic training credential and be in good standing with the state regulatory agency (where applicable)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For programs outside of the U.S. that do not possess local or regional credentialing this standard will not apply and compliance with the national standards for health care providers will be considered substantially equivalent. • Provide documentation regarding the host countries national, regional/local health professions qualifications and credentialing. • Provide verification of comparable regional/local credentialing if it exists in the host country. • Provide curriculum vita

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<p>28. Athletic Training Faculty Qualifications: All faculty who instruct athletic training skills necessary for direct patient care must possess a current state credential and be in good standing with the state regulatory agency (in states where their profession is regulated). In addition, faculty who are solely credentialed as athletic trainers and who teach skills necessary for direct patient care must be BOC certified.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For programs outside of the U.S., some other health care credentials will be considered substantially equivalent. These include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Canada = credentialing from the Canadian Athletic Therapist Association ○ Ireland = credentialing from the Athletic Rehabilitation Therapists of Ireland ○ United Kingdom = credentialing from the Society of Sports Therapists or the British Association of Sport Rehabilitators and Trainers ○ Other countries not listed above must petition for recognition of a specific credentialed health care profession as substantially equivalent. • Provide a narrative describing how the health care credential is similar to BOC Certified Athletic Trainers in the U.S. • Provide verification of comparable certification • For programs outside of the U.S. that do not possess local or regional credentialing, compliance with the national standards for health care providers will be considered substantially equivalent. • Provide documentation regarding the host countries national, regional/local health professions qualifications and credentialing. • Provide verification of comparable regional/local credentialing if it exists in the host country. • Provide a narrative describing how the program faculty are qualified to teach in the program. • Submit curriculum vitae for each faculty member teaching in the program. • Provide verification of comparable certification

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<p>35. Medical Director: The Medical Director must be an MD/DO who is licensed to practice in the state sponsoring the program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For programs outside of the U.S., valid credentialing as a medical physician or surgeon will be considered substantially equivalent. • Provide documentation regarding the qualification and credentialing of the medical director that is consistent with the policies of the country in which the program is housed.
<p>39. Preceptor Qualification: A preceptor must be credentialed by the state in a health care profession (see glossary)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For programs outside of the U.S. that do not possess local or regional credentialing, compliance with the national standards for health care providers will be considered substantially equivalent. • Provide documentation regarding the host countries national, regional/local health professions qualifications and credentialing. • Provide verification of comparable regional/local credentialing if it exists in the host country. • Provide documentation regarding the qualification and credentialing of preceptors that is consistent with the policies of the country in which the program is housed.
<p>52. An athletic trainer, certified and in good standing with the BOC, and who currently possesses the appropriate state athletic training practice credential must supervise the majority of the students' clinical education. The remaining clinical education may be supervised by any appropriately state credentialed health care professional (see glossary).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For programs outside of the U.S., the health care provider qualifications detailed in Standard 28 above will be considered substantially equivalent. • Provide a curriculum vitae for each preceptor demonstrating reasonable experience in providing athletic health care that is consistent with the patient populations and practices of a BOC certified athletic trainer in the U.S., as defined by the most recent BOC practice analysis (http://www.bocatc.org/athletic-trainers#practice-analysis). • Provide verification of comparable credentialing.

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<p>70. Athletic training students must have verification of completion of applicable HIPAA and/or FERPA training as determined by the institution.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs outside of the U.S. will be required to demonstrate compliance with this standard by verification of applicable training specific to both Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). While these are U.S. specific regulations, they remain required elements. • In addition, programs housed outside of the U.S. must document verification of completion of any additional host government required training for patient and student privacy.