

CAATE NEWSLETTER



Update on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

The Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) continues to monitor the impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on all levels of our accredited programs and has been rapidly adding information to the website. In an effort to consolidate past and future updates, all Coronavirus updates are posted on a dedicated [Coronavirus Updates and FAQs landing page](#) on the [CAATE website](#). A frequently asked questions (FAQs) document has also been created that will be updated as we continue to receive inquiries. Future updates will continue to be distributed to institutional administrators via email.

CAATE Establishes a Leadership Development Committee & Call for Committee Openings

The purpose of the Leadership Development Committee is to recruit and develop the volunteers and leaders of the Commission with a deliberate emphasis on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DE&I) to intentionally promote and ensure a culturally proficient environment throughout the organization and our stakeholder programs.

The CAATE is accepting applications for individuals interested in contributing to the advancement of education in athletic training by serving on the CAATE Leadership Development Committee. Individuals interested in learning more about the Qualifications, Duties, Roles and Responsibilities, Application Materials and Application Process should click [HERE](#) to read the full announcement.

2020 CAATE Accreditation Conference

Currently, the 2020 CAATE Accreditation Conference: Program Design and Quality: Quality Assurance of the Framework will continue as planned for October 16-17 in Orlando, Florida. The CAATE continues to monitor the impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and our Education Committee, responsible for the program planning, is actively discussing alternative plans if needed. Our highest priority is the well-being of all those who plan to attend the conference. Should there be any changes to our plans, we will send updates via email to our entire membership. We will also keep you informed through our [website](#).

We would like to thank all those who have submitted proposals for the conference. The CAATE Education Committee is currently reviewing proposals and continuing to develop a schedule for the conference. More information will be available soon!

CHEA Workgroup Update

The CHEA Workgroup, under the leadership of chair Mark Merrick, PhD, ATC, FNATA; with members, Barbara Long, EdD, ATC; Bonnie Van Lunen, PhD, ATC, FNATA; and Lou Fincher, EdD, ATC have been charged with reviewing and assessing CAATE’s compliance with the CHEA Standards and preparing written narratives and evidence for required reports.

The Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) is a national advocate and institutional voice for self-regulation of academic quality through accreditation. In January 1, 2019, the CHEA updated Recognition of Accrediting Organizations Policy and Procedures, to which the CAATE must comply to retain our recognition status, went into effect. The CHEA requires recognized accrediting organizations to submit two reports, Transition Framework Parts 1 and 2. These reports were intended to assure CHEA that the CAATE was meeting the standards and requirements in the revised policy. The Transition Framework reports were due in April 2019 and January 2020. These reports were accepted by the CHEA and the CAATE retains our recognized status as a quality accrediting body.

Currently, the CHEA Workgroup is working on an Interim Report which is due July 1, 2020. The *Interim Report* is to inform the CHEA of any organizational changes. These include any changes the CAATE has made in their governance, financial condition, functions, operations, standards, and policies or procedures. Additionally, if changes were made, the will CAATE report how they continually meet the CHEA standards and other requirements.

Lastly the CHEA Workgroup has provided the Commission a long-term, ongoing plan for assuring CAATE adherence to the current and future CHEA recognition standards and policies and procedures.

CAATE Management Structure

In an ongoing effort to optimizing the services provided to our stakeholders and the business operations of the CAATE, the Board of Commissioners recently engaged Association Options, a consulting firm, to assess the CAATE’s management structure. The firm has conducted an in-depth management structure assessment & recommendations were presented to the Commission at their face to face meeting in Austin, TX (February 28-29, 2020). The Board of Commissioners continues to work with Association Options to evaluate and select an appropriate long-term management structure and business operations solution. It is anticipated that implementation of an optimal management structure will be completed by the end of calendar year 2020. We will keep our stakeholders informed of the progress and decision made by the Commission.

Upcoming Events

2nd Tuesday of every month	CAATE Monthly Conference Call (6pm EST) *
June 1, 2020	Annual Reports open
July 1, 2020	Self-study due for programs with a comprehensive review in 2020-2021
August 1, 2020	Annual Accreditation fees invoiced
September 18-19, 2020	CAATE Fall Board Meeting *
October 1, 2020	Annual Reports due
October 16-17, 2020	CAATE Accreditation Conference
November 14-15, 2020	CAATE Strategic Planning

*CAATE Commission meetings (both conference calls and biannual board meetings) are open to the public. Stakeholders interested in joining should contact the CAATE office via support@caate.net for details on how to do so.