



# CAATE

Commission on Accreditation  
of Athletic Training Education

## 2020 Professional Standards Updates- approved August 2020

The Commission has approved the following updates to the 2020 Professional Standards. The changes are summarized below, and questions about any of the changes can be directed to the CAATE Office.

**Standard 2** The program has developed, implemented, and evaluated a **framework** that describes how the program is designed to achieve its **mission** and that guides program design, delivery, and assessment.

*Annotation* This written **framework** describes essential program elements and how they're connected; these elements include core principles, strategic planning, **goals** and expected **outcomes**, curricular design (for example, teaching and learning methods), curricular planning and sequencing, and the **assessment plan**. The **framework** is evaluated and refined on an ongoing basis.

*The **framework** includes program-specific **outcomes** that are defined by the program; these **outcomes** include measures of student learning, quality of instruction, quality of clinical education, and overall program effectiveness. Programs must minimally incorporate the student achievement measures identified in **Standard 65** as **outcomes**. Improvement plans must include targeted **goals** and specific action plans for the communication and implementation of the program.*

Annotation: updated second paragraph second sentence. Sentence read: "Programs must minimally incorporate the student achievement measures identified in Standard 6 as outcomes." It was updated to read "Programs must minimally incorporate the student achievement measures identified in Standard 5 as outcomes." Approved by Commission on August 11, 2020.

**Standard 19** The sponsoring institution is 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 postsecondary education. For programs outside of the United States, the institution must be authorized to provide postsecondary education, and the program must **should** be delivered in the English language.

Standard: updated last sentence. It read ... "For programs outside of the United States, the institution must be authorized to provide postsecondary education, and the program must be delivered in the English language." Updated to "For programs outside of the United States, the institution must be authorized to provide postsecondary education, and the program should be delivered in the English language." Approved by Commission on August 11, 2020.

**Standard 77** Identify, refer, and give support to patients with behavioral health conditions. Work with other health care professionals to monitor these patients' treatment, compliance, progress, and readiness to participate. These behavioral health conditions include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Suicidal ideation
- Depression
- Anxiety Disorder

- **Psychosis**
- **Mania**
- **Eating Disorders**
- **Attention Deficit Disorders**

Annotation was moved to Standard. Annotation was deleted. Commission approved August 11, 2020.