

# Manchester University Athletic Training

## Athletic Participation Policy

Many prospective athletic training students who express interest in the Manchester University Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP) are also interested in participating in an intercollegiate sport during their university years. Because the ATEP has a significant clinical experience component that requires student commitment throughout the week and on weekends, conflicts between sport demands and clinical experience requirements is a problem. The ATEP faculty and staff are committed to encouraging athletic training students to take advantage of the rich co-curricular opportunities available on campus. They are also dedicated to ensuring that athletic training students graduate on time, fulfill all ATEP requirements, and have enough quality clinical experience to enable them to become skilled health care professionals.

1. Applicants to the ATEP will be provided with a copy of this policy statement early on in the application year. It will be discussed and explained again during the application process. The intention on the part of a prospective athletic training student to participate in intercollegiate athletics shall not factor into the admission decision for the ATEP.
2. Students admitted to the ATEP may participate in intercollegiate athletics
3. Athletic training students shall limit their participation to **ONE** intercollegiate team. Any exceptions to this rule will be determined by the ATEP Director.
4. Athletic training students will be allowed to participate during their team's non-traditional season **ONLY** if participation does not conflict with the student's ATEP clinical experience responsibilities.
5. Athletic training students who participate in intercollegiate athletics must, like all students, fulfill **ALL** the didactic and clinical education program requirements before they can graduate. All student-athletes are strongly encouraged to consult the athletic training education program director early since effective planning is crucial to on-time graduation.
6. All athletic training students in the ATEP, including fall student-athletes, are required to perform at least one "equipment intensive" clinical experience (e.g. football). Student-athletes who participate in fall sports conflict with this requirement as a result of their athletic participation. In order to meet this program requirement, athletic training students who are fall athletes, must

complete the alternative equipment intensive process to fulfill this requirement or return for a ninth semester for this rotation prior to graduating from Manchester University and the ATEP.

7. Athletic training students who participate in basketball must also fulfill the equipment intensive requirements of that rotation. This means adjustments will be necessary to both the basketball and athletic training schedules to fulfill the requirements during the athletic training student's time at Manchester University.

This policy will be in effect once a student has been accepted into the ATEP at the beginning of his/her sophomore or transfer year and will be in effect as long as the student remains in the ATEP. Students with questions are encouraged to speak with the ATEP director for clarification.