



Athletic Training Student Retention and Status Policy

The purpose of this policy is to help students, faculty, and administrators develop a shared understanding of the responsibilities expected of students enrolled in the athletic training program. As future health care professionals, athletic training students shall be held to a higher standard of academic and professional behavior than other students who do not have patient care responsibilities as part of their undergraduate experience. Specifically, athletic training students will have a more rigorous academic standard than other Hope College students in keeping with the provisions of the Hope College Catalog. Our goal and objective for each student to graduate in four years as well as successfully pass the BOC exam after graduation is closely linked to academic success in their classes. Therefore the GPA must be met each year as well as a C or better in a required course/prerequisite for the AT major. The courses where a student gets lower than a C will need to redone prior to graduation. The student has the option to take the course at Hope or at an institution with an equivalent transfer course as determined by the registrar and can be found at this link:

<http://www.hope.edu/offices/registrar/credits-testing/transfer-credits.html>

Students after each academic year must meet the following minimum GPA goals:

After this academic year.....	Your OVERALL GPA must be at least.....
1	2.0
2	2.3
3	2.5
4	2.7

After this academic year.....	Your AT MAJOR GPA must be at least.....
1	2.5
2	2.5
3	2.7
4	3.0

At the completion of each academic year, all students in the athletic training program shall fall into one of the status categories below based on academic and clinical performance, as determined by the **GPA and student evaluation** by a preceptor. Appropriate actions, as mentioned below, will take place if standings other than “Good” are indicated on the students’ evaluation form.

GOOD STANDING: All students in compliance with each of the rules below shall be in good standing and may continue on to the next semester in both the didactic and clinical portions of the program.

PROBATION: All first year students are on probation. Other students who violate one or more of the rules below shall be on probation for at least one semester. Non-first year students on probation must make written application to be taken off probation and reinstated to good standing. Students on probation will be allowed to continue in the didactic portion of the program, but will not be allowed to participate in the clinical portion of the program or enroll for practicum until reinstated to good standing.

DISMISSAL: Students may be dismissed from the athletic training program for any of the reasons enumerated in the Hope College Catalog relating to *General Academic Regulations*.

Students may be removed from good standing in the Hope College ATEP for any of the following reasons:

1. Violations of *Hope College's Code for Academic Integrity* (found in Hope College Catalog)
2. Unsatisfactory performance in the clinical portion of the program as documented by preceptors.
3. Violations of the BOC *Standards of Professional Practice* for athletic trainers or the NATA Code of Ethics (links found on the ATEP website).
4. Failure to show satisfactory academic progress according to the following schedule.