



Commission on Accreditation
of Athletic Training Education

April 3, 2009

John Cavanaugh, PhD
President
University of West Florida
Office of the President
11000 University Parkway
Pensacola, FL 32514

Dear President Cavanaugh:

Congratulations! As a result of the comprehensive evaluation of your institution's Athletic Training education program, including a self-study and on-site visit, the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) has voted to award **Continuing Accreditation** to the Athletic Training Education Program at the University of West Florida in Pensacola, Florida. Your program has been found to be in substantial compliance with the nationally-recognized Standards for Entry-Level Athletic Training Education that were established with the support of the following sponsoring organizations: The American Academy of Family Physicians, The American Academy of Pediatrics, The American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, and The National Athletic Trainers' Association, Inc.

As a result of this accreditation award, **your Athletic Training Education Program's next comprehensive review**, including a self-study and on-site review, **is scheduled to occur during the 2013 - 2014 academic year.**

While your program has been awarded continuing accreditation, the following citation merits your institution's attention and resolution in order to come into full compliance with the Standards.

- F6.** The students must comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration or appropriate blood-borne pathogen procedures. Students must receive:
- F6.1** formal blood-borne pathogen training before being placed in a potential exposure situation. This includes participation in all clinical settings and situations including the clinical observation portion of the clinical education experience (if applicable).

According to the list of students provided in the Rejoinder, Andrew Bonner and Dominic Mays, both pre-admission students did not have BBP training.

To demonstrate compliance with this Standard, the program must submit the following evidence:

- *Provide a copy/copies that Andrew Bonner and Dominic Mays have received of blood-borne pathogen training.*
- *If these students are no longer in the pre professional phase, please provide a letter stating this fact. The letter must be signed and dated by the Program Director and an administrator who has oversight over the Program Director, or the Dean.*

2201 Double Creek Drive, Suite 5006
Round Rock, TX 78664
Phone: 512/733-9700
Fax: 512/733-9701
Email: caate@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.caate.net

Sponsoring Agencies

The American Academy of Family Physicians
The American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine

The American Academy of Pediatrics
The National Athletic Trainers' Association, Inc.

President Cavanaugh
Page Two

- *In addition, provide a plan outlining how all students entering clinical experiences will receive blood-borne pathogens training, prior to clinical exposures and how this requirement will be monitored for completion.*

The citation listed above must be resolved by the institution in order to maintain accreditation. Failure to respond satisfactorily to this citation by June 1, 2009 may result in a change of the accreditation status, including probation or withdrawal of accreditation.

The CAATE requests a Progress Report documenting the manner in which this citation has been resolved and includes the requested documentation. Please provide ten [10] copies bound (using rejoinder format, tabbed, paginated, and copied double-sided) to the CAATE Office due on or before but no later than **June 1, 2009**.

The Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education recognizes the faculty, staff, and administrators at the University of West Florida for your commitment to the advancement of education in Athletic Training, as well as your dedication to the preparation of qualified Athletic Training professionals. We look forward to working with you and your faculty through the processes needed to rectify these non-compliances to move your Athletic Training education program into full compliance with all educational standards.

Sincerely,



Greg Gardner, EdD, ATC
President, CAATE

Cc: **Don Chu, PhD, Dean, College of Professional Studies**
John Todorovich, PhD, Interim Chair, Department of Health, Leisure and Exercise Science
Richard Frazee, MS, Program Director, Athletic Training Education