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§ 52.27 Athletic Training

a. Definitions. As used in this section:

1. Acceptable accrediting agency shall mean an organization accepted by the department as a reliable authority for the purpose of accreditation at the postsecondary level, applying its criteria for granting accreditation in a fair, consistent, and nondiscriminatory manner, such as an agency recognized for this purpose by the United States Department of Education.
2. Professional study leading to a professional athletic training degree shall meet accreditation standards from an acceptable accrediting organization as defined in section one.
3. ~~Human biological and physical sciences and social and behavioral sciences content area shall mean courses which include, but are not limited to, the following curricular areas:~~
 - ~~i. principles of human anatomy and physiology;~~
 - ~~ii. neuroscience;~~
 - ~~iii. nutrition;~~
 - ~~iv. pharmacology;~~
 - ~~v. psychology;~~
 - ~~vi. sports psychology; and~~
 - ~~vii. counseling, education and communication skills.~~
4. ~~Professional athletic training content area shall mean didactic courses and supervised clinical experiences which include, but are not limited to, the following curricular areas:~~
 - ~~i. kinesiology/biomechanics;~~
 - ~~ii. exercise physiology;~~
 - ~~iii. infection control;~~
 - ~~iv. professionalism and ethics; and~~
 - ~~v. prevention and care of athletic injuries, including but not limited to: preconditioning, conditioning, reconditioning, recognition, assessment, therapeutic modalities, therapeutic exercise, first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.~~
5. Practicum shall mean a supervised clinical experience in the practice of athletic training, as defined in section 8352 of the Education Law.

- #### b. Curriculum. In addition to meeting all applicable provisions of this Part, to be registered as a program recognized as leading to certification in athletic training which meets the requirements in section 79.7.2 of this Title, it shall be a program leading to the baccalaureate degree, its equivalent or higher academic degree, which contains at least 9 semester hours or its equivalent of course work in the human biological and physical sciences and social and behavioral sciences content area; at least 30 semester hours or its equivalent of course work in the professional athletic training content area; and a practicum as described in paragraph (a)(4) of this section which shall consist of 800 clock

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~~hours or the number of clock hours that is required for accreditation by an acceptable accrediting agency.~~

§79-7.1 Definitions.

As used in this Subpart:

- a. Acceptable accrediting agency shall mean an organization accepted by the department as a reliable authority for the purpose of accreditation at the post-secondary level, applying its criteria for granting accreditation in a fair, consistent, and non-discriminatory manner, such as an agency recognized for this purpose by the United States Department of Education.
- ~~b. Certification shall mean authorization to use the title certified athletic trainer.~~
- c. Acceptable United States certifying body shall mean an organization which certifies athletic trainers on a nationwide basis in the United States and has standards for membership or to become certified satisfactory to the department, including but not limited to, completion of significant post-secondary course work in athletic training or a related field and successful performance on an appropriate examination.

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§79-7.2 Education requirements.

To meet the professional education requirements for ~~licensure as an athletic trainer certification~~ in this State, the applicant shall present satisfactory evidence of completing:

- a. a program in athletic training leading to the baccalaureate degree, ~~its equivalent~~ or a higher degree that is either registered by the department pursuant to section 52.27 of this Title, or accredited by an acceptable accrediting agency, ~~or the equivalent of such a registered or accredited program; or~~
- b. *a program, completed before July 1, 2022, other than a program described in subdivision (a) of this section, that leads to the baccalaureate degree, its equivalent or a higher degree, and includes or is supplemented by didactic course work and clinical experience that meet the requirements to become certified by an acceptable United States certifying body at the time such course work and clinical experience are completed, provided that the following requirements are met:*
 1. *the applicant has completed at least 1,500 hours of clinical or work experience in the practice of athletic training, as defined in section 8352 of the Education Law, that provided the applicant with an equivalent type of experience to the clinical experience obtained in a practicum offered within a program of athletic training registered pursuant to section 52.27 of this Title; and*

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2. *the applicant has completed at least 12 semester hours or its equivalent of postsecondary course work at a level that is equivalent to that offered in a program registered pursuant to section 52.27 of this Title in the professional athletic training content area, as defined in section 52.27(a)(3) of this Title; and*
3. *the applicant has completed at least nine semester hours or its equivalent of postsecondary course work at a level that is equivalent to that offered in a program registered pursuant to section 52.27 of this Title in the human biological and physical sciences and social and behavioral sciences content area, as defined in section 52.27(a)(2) of this Title.*

§79-7.3 Experience requirements.

An applicant shall meet the experience requirement for certification by completing the practicum, or clinical or work experience which the applicant must complete as part of the professional education requirements for certification, as prescribed in section 79-7.2 of this Subpart.

§79-7.4 Professional licensing examinations.

- a. Except as provided in section 79-7.5 of this Subpart, each applicant for certification shall pass an examination that is determined by the department to measure the applicant's knowledge of and judgment concerning the content areas that constitute a registered program leading to certification in athletic training, as defined in section 52.27 of this Title.
- b. Education requirements for admission. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 59.2 of this Title, an applicant for certification shall not be required to satisfy all education requirements before being admitted to a professional licensing examination in athletic training. Such education shall be completed prior to licensure certification.
- c. *Grade retention. The grade retention limitations of subdivision (f) of section 59.5 of this Title shall not be applicable to a professional licensing examination in athletic training.*
- d. Passing standard. The passing standard for each examination shall be a standard acceptable to the State Board for Medicine in consultation with the State Committee for Athletic Trainers.

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§79-7.5 Special provisions.

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~~An applicant shall not be required to meet the examination requirements for certification as prescribed in section 79-7.4 of this Subpart, provided that by February 7, 2000, the applicant:~~

- ~~a. has filed an application and paid the required statutory fees to the department;~~
- ~~b. has met the education requirements prescribed in section 79-7.2 of this Subpart;~~
- ~~c. is at least 21 years of age; and~~
- ~~d. has either:~~
 - ~~1. been actively engaged in the practice of athletic training, as defined in section 8352 of the Education Law, for at least four years during the seven years immediately preceding August 2, 1993; or~~
 - ~~2. been certified by an acceptable United States certifying body.~~

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§79-7.5 Continuing education for athletic trainers.

a. Definitions. As used in this section:

1. Acceptable accrediting agency means an organization accepted by the Department as a reliable authority for the purpose of accreditation at the postsecondary level, applying its criteria for granting accreditation in a fair, consistent and nondiscriminatory manner, such as an agency recognized for this purpose by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.
2. Higher education institution means a degree-granting postsecondary institution registered by the Department or accredited by an acceptable accrediting agency.
3. Self-instructional coursework means structured study, provided by a sponsor approved pursuant to subdivision (i) of this section, that is based on audio, audio-visual, written, on-line, and/or other media, and does not include live instruction, transmitted in person or otherwise, during which the student may communicate and interact with the instructor and other students.

b. Applicability of requirements.

1. Each licensed athletic trainer, required under Article 162 of the Education Law to register with the Department to practice in New York State, shall comply with the mandatory continuing education requirements as prescribed in subdivision (c) of this section, except those licensees who are exempt from the requirement or who obtain an adjustment to the requirement pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subdivision or who are subject to a different requirement pursuant to this section.
2. Exemptions and adjustments to the requirement.
 - i. Exemptions. The following licensees shall be exempt from the continuing education requirements, as prescribed in subdivision (c) of this section:
 - a. licensees for the triennial registration period during which they are first licensed to practice as an athletic trainer in New York State;
 - b. licensed athletic trainers who are not engaged in the practice of their respective professions in New York State, as evidenced by the filing of a statement declaring such inactive status, except as otherwise provided in subdivision (e) of this section;
 - c. athletic trainers engaged on a full-time basis in the teaching of athletic training at an athletic training educational program registered by the Department or accredited or approved by an acceptable accrediting organization.
 - ii. Adjustments to the requirement. An adjustment to the continuing education requirement, as prescribed in subdivision (c) of this section, may be made by the Department, provided that the licensee documents good cause that prevents compliance or the Department determines otherwise that there is good cause that prevents compliance, which shall include, but not be limited to, any of the following reasons: poor health or a specific physical or mental disability certified by an appropriate health care professional; or extended active duty with the Armed Forces of the

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United States; or other good cause beyond the licensee's control which in the judgment of the Department, makes it impossible for the licensee to comply with the continuing education requirements in a timely manner.

c. Mandatory continuing education requirement.

1. General requirement.

- i. During each three-year registration period, meaning a registration period of a three years' duration, an applicant for registration as an athletic trainer shall complete at least 45 hours of continuing education, acceptable to the department, as defined in paragraph (2) of this subdivision, a maximum of 15 hours of which may be self-instructional coursework acceptable by the department
- ii. Proration. Unless otherwise prescribed in this section, during each registration period of less than three years' duration, an applicant for registration shall complete acceptable continuing education, as defined in paragraph (2) of this subdivision and within the limits prescribed in such paragraph, on a prorated basis at a rate of 1¼ hours.

2. Acceptable learning activities shall include, but not be limited to, formal courses of learning which contribute to professional practice in athletic training and/or self-study activities; independent study; formal mentoring activities; publication in professional journals; or lectures, which meet the standards prescribed by regulations of the commissioner; and

3. Formal courses of learning shall include, but not be limited to, collegiate level credit and non-credit courses, professional development programs and technical sessions offered by national, state and local professional associations and any other organizations acceptable to the department, and any other organized educational and technical programs acceptable to the department. Formal courses shall be taken from a sponsor approved by the department pursuant subdivision i of this section.

(i) Subjects. Acceptable continuing education shall contribute to the professional practice of athletic training in the case of veterinarians and veterinary technology in the case of veterinary technicians, and shall focus on one or more of the following:

- a) subjects that enhance knowledge and skill in athletic training;
- b) client communications and recordkeeping;
- c) general supervision;
- d) practice management, risk management, and other topics which contribute to the professional practice of athletic training; or
- e) matters relating to athletic training practices, law, and/or ethics which contribute to professional practice in athletic training and the health, safety, and/or welfare of the public.

4. Acceptable formal courses of learning. To be acceptable to the Department, continuing education shall meet the requirements of this paragraph. Such

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continuing education shall include but not limited to collegiate level credit and non-credit courses, professional development, programs and technical sessions offered by national, state and local professional associations and any other organizations acceptable to the department, and any other organized educational and technical programs acceptable to the department. Formal courses shall be taken from a sponsor approved by the department provided by a sponsor approved pursuant to subdivision (i) of this section.

i. Types of learning activities. Acceptable continuing education shall be the types of learning activities prescribed in this subparagraph and shall be subject to the limitations prescribed in this subparagraph and subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph.

a. Courses of learning. Acceptable continuing education shall be formal programs of learning offered by a sponsor approved by the Department pursuant to subdivision (i) of this section, which may include, among others, courses offered by an approved sponsor, university and college credit and non-credit courses, and professional development and technical sessions related to the practice of athletic training.

b. Other educational activities. To the extent such activities are offered by sponsors of athletic training continuing education approved by the Department and subject to the limitations set forth in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, acceptable continuing education shall be the following other educational activities:

1. preparing and teaching a course of learning. Continuing education hours that may be credited for this activity may include actual instructional time plus preparation time which may be up to two additional hours for each hour of presentation;

2. preparing and teaching a course, acceptable to the Department, at a higher education institution relating to the practice of athletic training. Continuing education hours that may be credited for this activity may include actual instructional time plus preparation time which may be up to two additional hours for each hour of presentation;

3. making a technical presentation at a professional conference sponsored by an organization that is an approved sponsor of continuing education to athletic trainers and that is approved pursuant to subdivision (i) of this section. Continuing education hours that may be credited for this activity shall include actual presentation time, plus preparation time which may be up to two additional hours for each hour of presentation.

4. continuing education credit may not be claimed under sections (1), (2) and (3) where the licensee previously received continuing education credit for preparing or teaching the same course, or the same content if the course

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is given another name, unless the course has undergone substantial revision in content;

5. achieving specialty certification or recertification from an entity approved as a sponsor, provided that the amount of continuing education credit awarded for such certification or recertification shall be an amount prescribed by the Department;

6. completing self-instructional coursework, as defined in paragraph 3 of subdivision (a) of this section; and

7. completing and receiving a passing score on an examination offered by an approved sponsor that demonstrates the licensee's knowledge of the laws, rules and regulations of New York relating to the practice of athletic training. Two hours of continuing education credit shall be awarded for receiving a passing score on such examination in any five-year period.

ii. Limitation on credits.

a. No more than 15 hours of continuing education credits may be completed through self-study as described in subclause (5) of item (b) of subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph.

d. Renewal of registration. At each re-registration, licensed athletic trainers shall certify to the Department that they have either complied with the continuing education requirements, as prescribed in this section, or are entitled to an exemption or adjustment to such continuing education requirements, as prescribed in subdivision (b) of this section.

e. Requirement for lapse in practice.

1. A licensee returning to the practice of athletic training after a lapse in practice, as evidenced by not being registered to practice in New York State, whose first registration date after such lapse in practice and following January 1, 2029 occurs less than three years from January 1, 2029, shall be required to complete at least one and one-quarter hours of acceptable continuing education coursework for each month beginning with January 1, 2029 until the beginning of the new registration period. A licensee who has not lawfully practiced athletic training continuously in another jurisdiction throughout such lapse period shall complete the required continuing education activity prior to and within the 12 months before the beginning of the new registration period. A licensee who has lawfully practiced as an athletic trainer continuously in another jurisdiction throughout such lapse period, shall complete the required continuing education activity either in the new registration period or, at the option of the licensee, in the period beginning 36 months before the commencement of the new registration period and ending at the conclusion of such new registration period; where the licensee elects to complete required continuing education coursework, resulting from a lapse in practice, in the new registration period, such coursework will be in addition to that coursework which is required to satisfy the mandatory continuing education requirement for the new triennial period.

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2. Except as prescribed in paragraph (1) of this subdivision for registrations therein specified, a licensee who returns to practice as an athletic trainer after a lapse in practice during which the licensee was not registered to practice in New York State and did not lawfully practice continuously in another jurisdiction throughout the lapse period, shall be required to complete:
 - i. the continuing education requirement applicable to the period of time the licensee was registered to practice in New York State before the lapse in practice;
 - ii. at least one and one-quarter hours of acceptable continuing education for each month of lapsed registration up to a maximum 45 hours which shall be completed in the 12 months before the beginning of the new registration period.
3. Except as prescribed in paragraph (1) of this subdivision for registrations therein specified, a licensee who returns to the practice of athletic training after a lapse in practice during which the licensee was not registered to practice in New York State but did lawfully practice ~~veterinary medicine or veterinary technology~~ athletic training continuously in another jurisdiction throughout the lapse period, shall be required to complete:
 - i. the continuing education requirement applicable to the period of time the licensee was registered in the licensee's last registration period; and
 - ii. at least one and one-quarter hours of acceptable continuing education for each month of lapsed registration up to a maximum of 45 hours which shall be completed in such new registration period, or at the option of the licensee in the period beginning 36 months before the commencement of such new registration period and ending at the conclusion of said new registration period.
- f. Conditional registration.
 1. The Department may issue a conditional registration to a licensee who attests to or admits to noncompliance with the continuing education requirements of this section, provided that such licensee:
 - i. agrees to remedy such deficiency within the conditional registration period;
 - ii. in addition to remedying the deficiency, agrees to complete the regular continuing education requirement at the rate of one and one-quarter hours, of acceptable continuing education per month during such conditional registration period; and
 - iii. agrees to complete additional continuing education during such conditional registration period, which the Department may require to ensure the licensee's proper delivery of athletic training services.
 2. The duration of such conditional registration shall not exceed one year and shall not be renewed or extended.
- g. Licensee records.
 1. Each licensee subject to the requirements of this section shall maintain, or ensure access by the department to, a record of completed continuing education, which includes: the title of the course if a course, the type of educational activity if other than a course of learning, the subject of the continuing education course or

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activity, the number of hours of continuing education completed, the sponsor's name and any identifying number (if applicable), attendance verification if a course, verification of participation if another educational activity, and the date and location of the continuing education. Such records shall be retained for at least six years from the date of completion of the continuing education and shall be made available for review by the department in the administration of the requirements of this section. A sponsor's failure to satisfy its obligations under subdivision (i) of this section shall not relieve a licensee of his or her obligation to provide evidence of participation in a continuing education activity for which credit is claimed.

h. Measurement of continuing education study. Continuing education credit shall be granted only for acceptable continuing education, as prescribed in subdivision (c) of this section. For continuing education courses, a minimum of 50 minutes shall equal one continuing education hour of credit. Continuing education credit for other educational activities shall be awarded as prescribed by the Department.

i. Sponsor Approval.

1. To be approved by the Department, sponsors of continuing education to licensed athletic trainers shall meet the requirements of either paragraph (2) or (3) of this subdivision.

2. The following entities shall be deemed approved by the Department as sponsors of continuing education to licensed ~~veterinarians or veterinary technicians~~athletic trainers in the form of courses of learning or self-study programs:

i. a national athletic trainer organization, acceptable to the Department, that fosters good practice in the athletic training profession, in the nation as a whole and/or a region of the nation, including specialty boards acceptable to the Department;

ii. a New York State athletic training organization, acceptable to the Department, that is incorporated or otherwise organized in New York State that fosters good practice in the ~~veterinary medicine~~ athletic training professions;

iii. an affiliate of an organization listed in subparagraphs (i) or (ii) of this paragraph;

iv. a generally recognized state, national and international athletic training conference at which professional continuing education is a major component of such conference;

v. a national organization of jurisdictional boards of athletic training that promotes and protects the health, safety and welfare of the public and fosters good practice in the athletic training profession; and

vi. a higher education institution.

3. Department review of sponsors.

i. The Department shall conduct a review of sponsors that are not otherwise deemed approved pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subdivision and who apply for approval to offer continuing education to licensed athletic trainers.

ii. An organization desiring to offer continuing education based upon a Department review under this paragraph shall submit, with the fee as set

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forth in subdivision (j) of this section, an application for advance approval as a sponsor at least 120 days prior to the date of the commencement of such continuing education. Such application shall document that the organization:

- a. will offer courses of learning or self-study programs in acceptable learning activities prescribed for acceptable continuing education in subparagraph (c)(2) of this section;
- b. is an organized educational entity, or an entity that has expertise in the professional areas that will be taught, including but not limited to, postsecondary institutions that are not already deemed approved pursuant to subparagraph (2)(v) of this subdivision;
- c. provides course instructors who are qualified to teach the courses which will be offered, including but not limited to, faculty of an athletic training program offered by a higher education institution; or instructors who are specially qualified authorities to conduct such courses in athletic training, as determined by the Department with assistance from the State Committee for Athletic Training;
- d. has a method of assessing the learning of participants and describes such method; and
- e. will maintain records for at least six years from the date of completion of coursework, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, the name and résumé of the faculty, a record of licensed athletic trainers who attended the course, if a course, a record of athletic trainers who participated in self-instructional coursework if self-instructional coursework, an outline of the course, date and location of the course, and the number of hours for completion of the course. In the event an approved sponsor discontinues operation, the governing body of such sponsor shall notify the Department and shall transfer all records as directed by the Department.

- iii. Sponsors that are approved by the Department pursuant to the requirements of this paragraph shall be approved for a three-year term.
- iv. The Department may conduct site visits, attend any continuing education event of an approved sponsor, or request information from an approved sponsor to ensure compliance with the requirements of this paragraph, and a sponsor shall cooperate with the Department in permitting such attendance and in providing such information.
- v. A determination by the Department that an approved sponsor is not meeting the standards set forth in this paragraph may result in the termination of the approval of the sponsor or a request for correction of any identified deficiencies in the implementation of its continuing education program.

j. Fees.

- 1. At the beginning of each registration period, a mandatory continuing education fee of \$45 shall be collected from licensees engaged in the practice of athletic training in New York State, except for those exempt from the requirement

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pursuant to subparagraph (b)(2)(i) of this section. This fee shall be in addition to the any applicable registration fees required by sections 6704-a or 6711-b of the Education Law.

2. Licensees applying for a conditional registration, pursuant to the requirements of subdivision (f) of this section, shall pay a fee that is the same as and in addition to, any applicable fee for the triennial registration required by sections 8355 of the Education Law. In addition, such licensees shall pay the \$45 mandatory continuing education fee.
3. Organizations desiring to offer continuing education to licensed ~~veterinarians and veterinary technicians~~ athletic trainers shall submit an application fee of \$900 with the application requesting the issuance of a certification of approval as a sponsor of a formal continuing education program from the Department. A fee of \$900 shall accompany an application for a three-year renewal of the permit.

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