

MSU ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM TERMINOLOGY

- **ATEP** - The abbreviation specifically refers to the Missouri State University Entry-Level Athletic Training Education Program.
- **SMAT** - The abbreviation specifically refers to the Department of Sports Medicine and Athletic Training in the College of Health and Human Service.
- **athletic training student (ATS)** - an individual who has been formally accepted into the first year of the ATEP. For the following policies (unless noted otherwise), the athletic training student will be identified as “student” or “ATS”.
- **Approved Clinical Instructor (ACI)**- a certified athletic trainer or other appropriately credentialed and recognized health care professional (recognized by the American Medical Association or American Osteopathic Association) who has successfully completed the Missouri State University ATEP Approved Clinical Instructor Workshop. The ACI must be appropriately credentialed for at least one year. For a description of ACI duties, see the “Responsibilities & Expectations of the ACI” policy.
- **Clinical Instructor (CI)** - an appropriately credentialed and recognized health care professional (recognized by the American Medical Association or the American Osteopathic Association). The CI must be appropriately credentialed for a minimum of one year, and must be formally recognized by the ATEP. Refer to the “Supervision of Inexperienced Clinical Instructors” policy if the CI is credentialed for less than one year. For a description of CI duties, see the “Responsibilities & Expectations of the CI” policy.
- **Clinical Assignment** – Student assignment to a specific ACI or CI which function in a specific athletic training practice setting to satisfy accreditation and program requirements.
- **Clinical experience** - synonymous with clinical assignment however it can also refer to specific experiences of the student during the entire clinical assignment (e.g., spine boarding the spine-injured patient, creating a post-surgical rehabilitation program)
- **Clinical rotation** - time frame in which a student will complete a specific clinical experience. In general, clinical experiences will be assigned as semester rotations; however, some experiences could be divided into shorter time frames within a semester.
- **Clinical site** - specific location where the student will be directly supervised while completing a clinical experience.
- **Clinical proficiency** - a skill or set of sub-skills identified by the National Athletic Trainers’ Association Education Council or the ATEP as a clinical ability the entry-level athletic trainer should possess. For these policies, a clinical skill is synonymous with a clinical proficiency.
- **Direct supervision** is defined as the ACI and/or CI being physically present and being able to intervene on behalf of the athletic training student and the patient. To satisfy this requirement, the ACI or CI must be in the immediate physical vicinity of the student and be able to verbally and visually interact with the student on a regular and consistent basis. For further explanation see the “Direct Supervision of Students” policy.
- **Supervision** (see Direct Supervision)
- **First Year Student** refers to a student that has been admitted to the university and the first year experience of the ATEP. Student must still complete additional admissions requirements to be admitted into the upper level portion of the program.
- **Upper level student** refers to a student that has successfully met all program admission requirements. Upper level students may be a 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year student. These students must maintain all program requirements to remain in the program.