

**TITLE** Changing Clinical Experiences in Athletic Training I (0835.338) from 1-Credit Course to 3-Credit Course

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**DEPARTMENT** Health and Exercise Science  
**College** Education

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 Short-Term non gen-ed  
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 Existing non gen-ed course  
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Academic DEAN: Carol Shuff Date: 10-7-05

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE: Open Hearing Date: 3.6.06  
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**Non-General Education**  
**Athletic Training Specialization Minor Curriculum Change**  
Proposal for Changing Clinical Experiences in Athletic Training I (0835.338) from 1-  
Credit Course to 3-Credit Course

**1. Details:**

a. Currently, Clinical Experiences in Athletic Training I is a 1 credit course. However, this credit load does not accurately reflect the time commitment required in this course. Students meet in a classroom setting for 1 hour and 15 minutes once per week. Additionally, this class is used to apply credit towards their clinical experiences in the athletic training room, with the intercollegiate athletic teams and at affiliated sites. They are in effect spending 15-25 hours per week at their clinical assignments and attending classroom time for which they are only receiving 1 credit for this clinical class. Therefore, we are proposing increasing the credit load from 1 credit to 3 credits for course.

b. Sponsors: Dr. Douglas Mann (Program Director, Athletic Training Specialization), Dr. Robert Sterner, Mr. Charles Whedon (Coordinator of Athletic Training Services) and the Department of Health and Exercise Science.

**2. Rationale:**

a. This change comes highly recommended by the Commission for the Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), the accrediting organization for the Athletic Training Education Program. During our re-accreditation site visit, it was suggested that the workload for this course was much higher than the credit load assigned. Thus, increasing the credit load for this class will ensure that the Athletic Training Education Program is in compliance with the CAAHEP accreditation recommendations and standards.

b. Students have also consistently suggested that the credit load for the Clinical Experiences in Athletic Training I is too low, based on the workload assigned to any other 1 credit course on campus.

**3. Impact on Change of Curriculum:**

a. We are also sending forward proposals to increase credit loads in Clinical Experiences in Athletic Training II-IV. These proposed changes would appear to increase the program's total credit hours by 8. However, under the new general education model, our program will actually decrease from 125 to 122 with these curriculum changes. Thus, we will move closer to the 120 credit hour benchmark.

b. This change will not have any effect on faculty workload as we are currently receiving 3 credit release time for clinical supervision of the athletic training students. This release time will be reorganized to coincide with the increase in credit load for the Clinical Experiences in Athletic Training courses. Thereby, no adjuncts or additional staff will be needed to implement this curricular change.

c. This proposal does not affect any other specialization in the Department of Health and Exercise Science.

**4. Results of Consultation**

a. None necessary

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