

UTC- Athletic Training Education Program First Aid/CPR Responsibility Agreement

The ATEP faculty believes that using students as “First Responders” exposes those involved to liability risk and conflicts with the mission of the program. For this reason, you **cannot be used as replacement for Certified Athletic Trainers** while functioning in the role of a “First Aid Provider”. Although athletic training students are expected to be supervised in the clinical settings, there are times when direct supervision is not possible (i.e., the supervisor temporarily leaves for a phone call or to use the restroom, etc.). When an ATS is not under direct supervision (i.e., they are not under “constant visual and auditory interaction”) by a credentialed professional, the ATS will act as a “first aid provider”. The role of a first aid provider is to provide first aid or emergency treatment to injured athletes or patients. ***All UTC athletic training students are required to maintain current first aid and CPR certifications to be eligible for participation in the clinical education program.***

Unsupervised ATS / “first aid providers” may perform the following duties:

1. Evaluation of injuries and illnesses to determine the need for EMS or immediate referral
 - First aid providers may not make decisions on whether or not an athlete may return to activity other than removing an athlete from activity for immediate referral or emergency medical care
 - In the event a first aid provider evaluates an athlete with an injury or illness that does not require (a) activation of EMS, (b) immediate referral, or (c) the provision of emergency first aid; the first aid provider is to immediately contact the appropriate supervisor or credentialed professional, according to the clinical site’s policies and procedures to inform him or her that there is an athlete with a non-emergent injury or illness. The first aid provider is NOT to render a decision as to whether or not the athlete may return to play, nor is the first aid provider to perform any other evaluations or treatments.
 - In the event a first aid provider evaluates an athlete with an injury or illness that requires (a) activation of EMS, (b) immediate referral, or (c) the provision of emergency first aid; the first aid provider will activate the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) according to that site’s policies and procedures. After taking the appropriate actions, the first aid provider will notify the appropriate supervisor according to the site’s policies and procedures and document the incident on the appropriate forms.
2. Provide ice, compression, and elevation
 - In the event a first aid provider provides ice, compression, and or elevation, the first aid provider will notify the appropriate supervisor according to the site’s policies and procedures and document the incident on the appropriate forms.
3. Splint, immobilize, or provide support to an injury
 - In the event a first aid provider splints, immobilizes, or provides support to an injury, the first aid provider will notify the appropriate supervisor according to the site’s policies and procedures and document the incident on the appropriate forms.
4. Activate EMS
 - In the event a first aid provider activates EMS, the first aid provider will notify the appropriate supervisor according to the site’s policies and procedures and document the incident on the appropriate forms.
5. Perform CPR, rescue breathing, and / or AED procedures
 - In the event a first aid provider performs CPR, rescue breathing and / or AED procedures, the first aid provider will notify the appropriate supervisor according to the site’s policies and procedures and document the incident on the appropriate forms.

6. Provide first aid care for "medical emergencies"

- In the event a first aid provider provides first aid, the first aid provider will notify the appropriate supervisor according to the site's policies and procedures and document the incident on the appropriate forms.

Unsupervised students / first aid providers may NOT provide "athletic training services".

Activities which are NOT to be performed by an unsupervised student include:

1. providing treatments for injuries other than the activities listed above,
2. providing or supervising rehabilitation procedures,
3. making decisions about the disposition of an injured or ill athlete other than the activities listed above.

Students are required to notify the Program Director immediately if they feel that they are inadequately supervised in the clinical setting.

There are possible legal implications of staying onsite and providing CPR/First Aid services. The University's liability insurance plan that provides protection during your clinical experience portion of your education as an athletic training student, may not provide liability coverage when you become a volunteer providing CPR/First Aid services. If you choose to stay, you are doing so with the knowledge that we are uncertain of whether or not the University's insurance plan will offer liability protection.

If you **understand and agree** to the conditions mentioned in this agreement please sign and write the date below. This document will be signed annually.

Student Signature _____ Date _____