Guidelines for Participation in Athletics

The Commission on Accreditation for Athletic Training Education mandates that an Athletic Training Program (ATP) cannot complete formal clinical education in less than 2 academic years. The Rowan University ATP allows students to participate in athletics; however, there are specific policies regarding this situation. The following policies are for any student wishing to participate in sports and complete the ATP.

1. Athletes understand that they will be required to remain within the ATP for a longer period of time than a traditional student. This academic extension is dependent on how many semesters the student participates in athletics during the professional phase of the ATP only. Participation in athletics during the pre-professional phase of the ATP has no bearing on how long a student remains at Rowan University to complete the ATP.

   Examples
   
   i. A student decides to participate in athletics for one semester (i.e., junior year but not senior year) after being accepted into the ATP’s professional phase
      1. The student must remain at Rowan University for 1 extra semester (Fall semester) in order to complete the ATP.
   
   ii. A student decides to participate in athletics for two semesters (i.e., both junior and senior year) after being accepted into the ATP’s professional phase
      1. The student must remain at Rowan University for 2 extra semesters (1 academic year) in order to complete the ATP.

2. When a student is in season, they will not be given a clinical assignment. The ATP believes that to complete a clinical assignment during an athletic season would create too much stress to the student. However, the student will receive a clinical assignment when out of season.

3. All students will register for the Clinical Techniques in Athletic Training courses within the regular sequence of courses.

4. The Residency in Athletic Training and Fellowship in Athletic Training course Sequence will differ depending on whether the student participates in a Fall, Winter or Spring sport.

   1. Each situation will be handled on a case by case basis, with the goal of ensuring that each student meets the Program requirements but graduates within a minimal amount of extra semesters.