



COMMUNICABLE DISEASE POLICY

Illnesses are common amongst college-aged students and are usually difficult to predict. While the Athletic Training faculty and staff want all athletic training students to remain healthy, we understand that illnesses do occur. The Athletic Training faculty and staff also recognize the importance of minimizing exposure to patients, other athletic training students, and everyone else you contact. As a result, the Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) Program has adopted the following communicable disease policy for all Franklin College MSAT faculty, staff and students.

If an athletic training student becomes ill (i.e. – sinus infection, flu, common cold, conjunctivitis, etc.) and feels unable to attend class and/or the clinical experience rotation assignment, the student **MUST** contact the respective instructors of the classes missed and their assigned preceptor. Both should be completed prior to class and/or the respective rotation reporting time. Note – it is at the discretion of the instructor if any assignments and/or tests missed during your absence may be “made-up” based on the policies in their course syllabus.

If an athletic training student is ill for more than two consecutive days, the student must report to the campus Student Health Center or to another medical practitioner for full evaluation. The qualified medical professional will determine if the condition is potentially communicable and/or requires further treatment. Upon evaluation, the practitioner will decide on the appropriate intervention and provide a written notification of the student’s status and ability to participate in the required academic and clinical activities of the MSAT Program.

If a Franklin College preceptor determines a student is ill, or believes they may spread the illness amongst the patients/coaches/faculty/staff or other athletic training students, the preceptor may require the student to leave the facility and return when symptoms have resolved. This may occur despite any deficiencies the student has in clinical assignments, competencies or CIP’s. If this occurs, it is the student’s responsibility to “make-up” the requirements they were unable to perform due to illness. If the preceptor feels an athletic training student has missed an extended amount of time due to the communicable disease policy, the student will be directed to contact the MSAT Clinical Education Coordinator.

All students in the MSAT Program are required to attend annual OSHA/blood-borne pathogen training to assist in limiting exposure in health care settings. Athletic training students are expected to adhere to proper hand washing techniques, practice good hygiene at all times, and follow universal precautions when practicing in any health care setting.

I acknowledge I have read the Franklin College Master of Science in Athletic Training Program Communicable Disease Policy. I understand this policy is in effect during the entire time I am enrolled in the MSAT Program.

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