



Statement Regarding Averett University's Athletic Training Education Program Accreditation

The Athletic Training Education Program at Averett University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) and has been for nine years. Averett received notice from CAATE in February 2016 that based on the 2014-2015 annual progress report, Averett University's Athletic Training Education program has been placed on probation.

When a program is placed on probation, the institution must submit progress reports to address and correct the identified challenges. During the next year, the Athletic Training Education program will remain accredited, and academic degrees will not be affected. Every student currently enrolled who completes the Athletic Training Education program will be able to sit for the Board of Certification Exam, and the program will continue to enroll new students.

CAATE found Averett's Athletic Training Education program to be out of compliance with one section of the Standards for Accreditation of Professional Athletic Training Programs that relates to first-time pass rates on the Board of Certification (BOC) exam. CAATE, the national accreditation for athletic training education programs across the country, changed its standards to require a 70 percent first-time pass rate over three years on the national board exam.

Since the 2014-2015 annual report was submitted, Averett has made important moves to enhance the curriculum and increase the first-time pass rate within its Athletic Training Education program. We expect to have positive progress to submit to CAATE in our next report.

FAQ

What does probation mean?

Probation means that our Athletic Training Education program must submit regular reports to CAATE providing information on the progress we are making to meet the identified CAATE standard. Averett has accepted probation status and will be working diligently to correct the identified challenges. Only the Athletic Training Education program is on probation, not the institution as a whole.

Will I still be able to take classes in my major?

Yes, the Athletic Training Education classes will still be offered. Students will be able to graduate on time. The program's probation status has no impact on the completion of the Athletic Training Education major.

Will I still be able to graduate with a degree in AT and sit for the BOC?

Yes, students will continue to complete the program and graduate on time, and sit for the BOC.

Will I still be able to apply to Averett University's athletic training program?

Yes, we will continue to accept students into the program through the secondary admissions process. The program is only on probation. We are still accredited.

Why did Averett University go on probation?

CAATE, the national accreditation for athletic training education programs across the country, changed its standards to require a 70 percent first-time pass rate over three years on the national board exam. We were notified that our most recent graduating students were not meeting the pass rate. Our faculty is taking steps to change and improve the program and we anticipate significant improvement in pass rates in the coming year. Current students have benefited by the increased attention our faculty has put into making sure our curriculum matches the material and learning that is measured by the national board exam.

How long will the Athletic Training Education program be on probation?

This program will be evaluated annually based on the BOC pass rates of the current students in the program. Once the program has reached a three-year aggregate of 70 percent or higher, the program's probation status will be removed.