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EDUCATION COUNCIL UPDATE

Competencies in Education Committee Seated, Goals Set

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The Competencies in Education Committee of the Education Council has been formed, with members selected to represent a cross-section of practice settings and geographical locations across the United States.

The goal of the committee is to review and revise the current NATA document *Competencies in Athletic Training*. The document is used as a guide in developing athletic training programs accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

The *Competencies* document was last revised in 1992 by the NATA Professional Education Committee, with review by the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Athletic Training.

However, to keep up with progress and reflect the ongoing changes in the athletic training profession, the competencies must be reviewed periodically. The Competencies in Education Committee already has begun a review, and revisions are scheduled for completion later this year.

The current *Competencies in Athletic Training* consists of the following six domains relative to the scope of athletic training and pertaining to athletic injuries and/or illnesses:

- Prevention
- Recognition and Evaluation
- Management/Treatment and Disposition
- Rehabilitation
- Organization and Administration
- Education and Counseling

Each of these six areas includes three additional domains:

- Cognitive based upon knowledge and intellectual skills
- Psychomotor relative to manipulation and motor skills
- Affective relating to attitudes and values

The three objectives of the Education Council and the

Competencies Committee will be to identify the educational domains of athletic training; identify the knowledge, skills and attitudes relative to each domain; and disseminate the information to the NATA membership.

How to Reach the Committee

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Each committee member has been encouraged to recruit other certified athletic trainers to provide input on this project; all ideas and suggestions are welcome.

Since this document will provide a basis for course development, student development and evaluation, the council and committee are interested in all practice areas and educational backgrounds. Participating in this revision process will help strengthen educational resources.

Please contact Chad Starkey, PhD, ATC, at (617) 373-5795, or one of the committee members listed above with concerns or ideas.

Plans are being made to incorporate the competencies on-line. When this is complete, the web address will be posted in the *NATA News*; the Education Council's web site also can be reached through the NATA home page.

Current copies of the competencies may be purchased from the NATA Professional Education office for $10.

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