

# CIE Seminar is Gateway to Clinical Instruction

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The Education Council's Continuing Education Committee and Subcommittee on Clinical Education have presented the Clinical Instructor Educator (CIE) Seminar nine times since June 2000. The Subcommittee on Clinical Education has also updated and revised the CIE seminar since its original offering.

The seminar is still designed to improve the quality of instruction in all areas of an athletic training student's clinical education. The mission of the seminar is to provide a model for the consistent delivery of athletic training clinical education while promoting institutional autonomy.

As educational reform is implemented over the next several years, clinical instructors will be required to complete an Approved Clinical Instructor (ACI) workshop led by an individual from the sponsoring institution who has completed a CIE seminar.

The CIE seminar now includes instruction and discussions relating to the following areas:

- Perspectives for the Coordinator of Clinical Education
- Learning over time
- Selection of clinical settings and clinical instructors
- Student performance and evaluation
- Evaluation of ACI and clinical settings
- Challenges in clinical education PM Session
- Perspectives for the ACI
- Roles and responsibilities of the program
- Roles and responsibilities of the ACI
- Teaching and learning styles
- ACI challenges
- Student and Time management challenges
- ACI Workshop development

At the conclusion of this seminar, attendees will be able to return to their institution and provide a workshop for the athletic training clinical instructors in the educational program. A course will be designed to meet the needs of the specific program at that institution, as clinical education and instruction varies from one program to the next.

Each program, however, will have core content around which its clinical instructor workshop will be developed; this core is established at the CIE seminar. The clinical instructor workshop can be designed to best meet the needs of the individual institution. The workshop must be at least five hours in length and may be offered for CEU credit.

All clinical instructors will be required to complete an ACI workshop before they will be recognized as an Approved Clinical Instructor by the NATABOC. This requirement will be in place by fall of this year.

Two new interactive forms will be posted on the Education Council Web site at [www.cewl.com](http://www.cewl.com) for CIEs to either report those certified athletic trainers who have completed initial ACI training or to report that the continuing training requirement was met by the CIE or ACIs at a particular institution. An online survey will be then sent to the CIE to gather information that could assist the Clinical Education Subcommittee in improving the content and delivery of the seminar.

The CIE and ACI continuing approval requirement is as follows:

In order to maintain consistent delivery of athletic training clinical education, the approved CIE must conduct a minimum of three (3) contact hours of ACI training once every three (3) years to maintain approval as a CIE. Failure to meet this requirement will result in forfeiture of CIE approval and will require the individual to attend another CIE Seminar. Likewise, the ACI must complete a minimum of three (3) hours of continued training every three (3) year period.

The Clinical Instructor Educator Seminar is currently scheduled together with three meetings around the country this year. Individuals interested in attending a CIE seminar should visit the Continuing Education Committee Web page at [www.cewl.com](http://www.cewl.com) and watch for this information in upcoming issues of the *NATA News*.

Plans are being developed to allow those individuals who attended the initial CIE Seminar in Nashville in 2000 to register for the revised seminar at the national meeting in Dallas this summer at no registration cost. Seminar registration is limited to the first 45 people and the fee is \$175 per person. Registration information will be mailed in the coming weeks; details also can be found online at [www.cewl.com](http://www.cewl.com). ■■

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