Education Council Update

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The National Athletic Trainers' Association Education Council was formed to provide leadership for educational policy and to develop and deliver professional preparation and continuing education for athletic trainers. In pursuit of those goals, the council's Executive Committee has established three permanent and two ad-hoc committees. The standing committees are Entry-Level Education, Advanced Graduate Education and Continuing Education, while the Competencies in Education and the Clinical Education committees were established to meet immediate needs.

The call for committee member nominations yielded an outstanding response, with almost 200 applications for the 40 available positions. Selections were made to be reflective of the profession's demographics. Applications not chosen in the first round of appointments will be kept on file and reconsidered when positions open in the future.

The Entry-Level Committee is responsible for pre-certification education, including assisting in the development of accredited programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The Advanced Graduate Education Committee is focused on master's and doctoral level education programs catering to students who have met the requirements for certification. The Continuing Education Committee will be responsible for the planning and delivery of CEU opportunities throughout the profession and will serve as a resource for district, state and local continuing education programmers.

Ad hoc committees will address two issues before the Education Council acts on other areas of entry-level education. The Competencies Committee will take on the redevelopment of "Competencies in Athletic Training Education," a document describing the educational content of entry-level programs. The Clinical Education Committee is responsible for restructuring the student/clinical instructor/classroom dynamics within athletic training.

Each of these committees and their short- and long-term goals will be presented in upcoming issues of the *NATA News*.

We invite feedback and encourage input from the NATA membership regarding these topics. Please feel free to contact us at:

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Note: Some nomination forms have not been received or approved by the NATA Board of Directors. These names will be published at a later date.

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