

“HOT TOPICS IN HEAT ILLNESS” BIO SHEET

Position Statement:

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Jessica Miles, MAEd, ATC, LAT, is the athletic training education program director for the University of North Georgia. She has served as the project coordinator for the Georgia heat illness project for the last four years. Data from this study helped the Georgia High School Association implement a pre-season heat acclimatization policy for its member schools. She graduated from the University of Georgia with a bachelor's in athletic training and received her master's in exercise physiology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

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