

## **NE Athletic Trainer Code 12/04**

### **71-102**

#### **Practices; license or certificate required.**

(1) No person shall engage in the practice of medicine and surgery, athletic **training**, respiratory care, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic, dentistry, dental hygiene, pharmacy, podiatry, optometry, massage therapy, physical therapy, audiology, speech-language pathology, embalming, funeral directing, psychology, veterinary medicine and surgery, medical nutrition therapy, acupuncture, mental health practice, or alcohol and drug counseling unless such person has obtained a license from the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure for that purpose.

(2) No person shall hold himself or herself out as a certified social worker ....

(3) No person shall hold himself or herself out as a certified professional counselor...

### **71-113**

#### **Professional boards; members; number.**

(1) Each professional board shall consist of four members, including one public member, except as otherwise provided in this section. A public member of a professional board (a) shall be a resident of this state who has attained the age of majority, (b) shall represent the interests and viewpoints of consumers, and (c) shall not be a present or former member of a credentialed profession, an employee of a member of a credentialed profession, or an immediate family or household member of any person presently regulated by such board.

(2)(a) In audiology and speech-language pathology ...

(3) Membership on the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology shall consist of two..

(4) Membership on the **Board of Athletic Training** shall consist of three athletic trainers and at least one public member.

(5) Membership on the Board of Respiratory Care Practice shall consist...

(6) Two of the six professional members of the Board of Medicine and Surgery shall be...

(7) Two of the eight professional members of the Board of Dentistry shall be ...

(8) Membership on the Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy...

(9) Membership on the Board of Mental Health Practice ...

(10) Membership on the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling...

### **71-1,238 Terms, defined.**

For purposes of sections 71-1,238 to 71-1,242, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) Athletic trainer means a person who is responsible for the prevention, emergency care, first aid, treatment, and rehabilitation of athletic injuries under guidelines established with a licensed physician and who is licensed to perform the functions set out in section 71-1,240. When athletic training is provided in a hospital outpatient department or clinic or an outpatient-based medical facility, the athletic trainer will perform the functions described in section 71-1,240 with a referral from a licensed physician for athletic training;

(2) Athletic training means the prevention, evaluation, emergency care, first aid, treatment, and rehabilitation of athletic injuries utilizing the treatments set out in section 71-1,240;

- (3) Athletic injuries means the types of musculoskeletal injury or common illness and conditions which athletic trainers are educated to treat or refer, incurred by athletes, which prevent or limit participation in sports or recreation;
- (4) Board means the Board of Athletic Training;
- (5) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure; and
- (6) Practice site means the location where the athletic trainer practices athletic training.

#### **71-1,239.01**

##### **Licensure requirements; exemption.**

An individual who accompanies an athletic team or organization from another state or jurisdiction as the athletic trainer is exempt from the licensure requirements of sections 71-1,238 to 71-1,242.

#### **71-1,240**

##### **Physical modalities; who may perform; treatment authorized.**

(1) No person shall be authorized to perform the physical modalities set out in subsection (2) of this section on any person unless he or she first obtains a license as an athletic trainer or unless such person is licensed as a physician, osteopathic physician, chiropractor, nurse, physical therapist, or podiatrist. No person shall hold himself or herself out to be an athletic trainer unless licensed under sections 71-1,238 to 71-1,242.

(2) Athletic trainers shall be authorized to use the following physical modalities in the treatment of athletic injuries under guidelines established with a licensed physician:

- (a) Application of electrotherapy;
- (b) Application of ultrasound;
- (c) Use of medical diathermies;
- (d) Application of infrared light; and
- (e) Application of ultraviolet light.

(3) The application of heat, cold, air, water, or exercise shall not be restricted by sections 71-1,238 to 71-1,242.

#### **71-1,241**

##### **Applicant for licensure; qualifications; examination; exception.**

(1) Except as provided in section 71-1,242, an applicant for licensure as an athletic trainer shall at the time of application provide proof to the department that he or she meets one or more of the following qualifications:

(a) Graduation after successful completion of the athletic training curriculum requirements of an accredited college or university approved by the department; or

(b) Graduation with a four-year degree from an accredited college or university and completion of at least two consecutive years, military duty excepted, as a student athletic trainer under the supervision of an athletic trainer approved by the board.

(2) In order to be licensed as an athletic trainer, an applicant shall, in addition to the requirements of subsection (1) of this section, successfully complete an examination approved by the department on the recommendation of the board.

#### **71-1,242**

##### **Experienced athletic trainer; license issued; conditions.**

A license to practice athletic training may be issued to a person who:

- (1) Submits an application and the required licensure fee to the department before January 1, 1988;
- (2) Meets one of the following criteria: (a) He or she is an athletic trainer on January 1, 1988, or (b) he or she has been an athletic trainer for five of the ten years immediately preceding January 1, 1988; and
- (3) Satisfactorily completes the examination for licensure as an athletic trainer as provided in subsection (2) of section 71-1,241.