What’s New in 2012 and 2014

The Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) has revised the 2012 recertification requirements for BOC Certified Athletic Trainers (ATs). Recertification requirements outline the commitment for ATs to maintain their BOC certification. These requirements include completing continuing education (CE), meeting emergency cardiac care (ECC) requirements, submitting the BOC recertification fee and adhering to the BOC Standards of Professional Practice.

The following revisions will strengthen the entire certification program:

Certification Statuses – The nine current statuses will be replaced by four simple statuses: Certified, Expired, Suspended and Revoked. Due to the elimination of the Inactive status, the BOC will no longer accept inactive status applications. These changes will be reflected in the new Professional Practice and Disciplinary Guidelines and Procedures, which will be updated on the BOC website in early 2012.

Recertification Deadline – The BOC is eliminating staggered CE reporting and returning to one common expiration date for AT recertification. Please note that ATs with a 2011 expiration date are still required to complete and report required CE by the end of 2011. ATs will soon have a new expiration date of 12/31/2013.

CE Reporting – The current CE categories A, B, C and D and calculation of CEUs will not be changing in 2012. However, ATs will see a new form simplifying CE reporting.

Recertification Fee – This change was announced in April 2011. National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA) members will receive a discount if they pay the BOC recertification fee with their NATA membership dues at the time of NATA renewal. The discounted 2012 BOC recertification fee is $34, and the non-discounted 2012 BOC recertification fee is $50.

In preparation for 2014 recertification requirements, the BOC is announcing plans to move from a 3-year reporting period to a 2-year reporting period. Currently, ATs are required to report 75 continuing education units (CEUs) every 3 years. Beginning 1/1/2014, ATs will be required to report 50 CEUs every 2 years. Review the information and charts inside this newsletter for further details.
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- Warren Buffett

Having “ATC” after your name doesn’t mean you are a member of an organization—it means you have earned the ATC® credential and have entered into a truly unique healthcare profession. It signifies you have met the highest professional standards established by the BOC. ATs have a competitive edge with the identification of expertise in the athletic training field. For each of us, there is a value in what we pay for and you can Be Certain™ that there is value in the credential and the BOC recertification process.

This year we’ve demonstrated in various communications what the BOC provides to you, our customers, relative to services and the value of the services that you receive. I hope that you will continue to utilize the services provided and to communicate with the BOC your suggestions as to how we can serve you in the future. As our customers, your opinions do matter and this has been demonstrated through various changes implemented over the previous years based upon your input.

As we close the year, I believe we can look back and say that the board has continued to move the BOC and the athletic training profession forward through the efforts of all our volunteers, staff and constituents. The future is as bright as we are willing to construct it by being prepared for the upcoming changes in healthcare while continuing to embrace the global opportunities available. The BOC will continue to promote excellence in all we do to provide the value you expect in return.

The end of the calendar year also brings change to the board as we have converted board member terms to the calendar year to align with other BOC functions. Jerry Diehl has served as our public director for two terms and will be replaced by Amy DeRosa. Jerry brought his insights of the secondary school setting to the board through his previous involvement with the National Federation of State High School Associations. Jerry provided unique insights of a global nature to board decisions, and his presence will be missed.

Amy brings the perspective of a consumer of AT services through her family involvement in physical activity. Her present position in a healthcare management company brings her experience in the development, operations and management of rehabilitation centers from acute hospital based and long-term care facilities to occupational health and orthopedic and sports rehabilitation centers.

Jim Malseed joins the board and brings his experience as an AT from the college preparatory setting and will continue as a secondary schools setting voice. Jim is also a Registered Athletic Administrator with the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, which will allow him to provide additional administrative insight to board deliberations.

As we move forward in to 2012, you can Be Certain™ that the BOC will look to continue to excel as a premier credentialing agency for our credential holders and to ensure protection of the public through the exam and recertification programs.

Peter Koehneke, MS, ATC
President of the BOC
Certification Statuses

The following chart outlines the nine current certification statuses, which were established in 2006 and will be replaced by four simplified statuses. The BOC Professional Practice and Discipline Guidelines and Procedures will be updated to reflect the following changes, which will go into effect in 2012.

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<td>Expired</td>
<td>Certification is voluntarily resigned for reasons unrelated to disciplinary proceedings, or certification is forfeited due to non-compliance with BOC recertification fee and/or continuing education requirements. Individuals with an “Expired” status may not represent themselves as BOC Certified Athletic Trainers or use the “ATC” certification mark.</td>
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<td>The “Delinquent” period will be eliminated. Once a CE or fee deadline passes, the individual’s status will be “Expired.” ATs that have CEUs due 12/31/11 and fail to report by the deadline will have a status of “Delinquent” until the status transition takes place prior to the end of first quarter 2012. Once the transition is complete, the individual’s status will be “Expired.”</td>
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<td>The Inactive Status Policy will be eliminated. Individuals that are currently “Inactive” will be contacted and provided the option to reinstate by the end of 2011 or have their status changed to “Expired” in 2012. The BOC no longer accepts inactive status application.</td>
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<td>ATs will be able to resign their certification by completing a resignation form in BOC Central™. The NATA will be notified when an AT resigns. The individual’s status will be “Expired.”</td>
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<td>Revoked (prior to 2006 for non-disciplinary reasons)</td>
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<td>Suspended</td>
<td>Certification is not in good standing as a result of the imposition of a disciplinary action or the BOC Executive Director’s decision that there is cause to believe that a threat of immediate and irreparable injury to the health of the public exists. Individuals with a “Suspended” status may not represent themselves as BOC Certified Athletic Trainers or use the “ATC” certification mark.</td>
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<td>Individuals that are currently “Revoked” will be changed to “Suspended” and provided the opportunity to petition for reinstatement. If the individual’s petition for reinstatement is denied twice, the individual’s status will return to “Revoked.”</td>
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<td>Revoked</td>
<td>Certification is permanently revoked after individual is “Suspended” and has two petitions for reinstatement denied. Individuals with a “Revoked” status may not represent themselves as BOC Certified Athletic Trainers or use the “ATC” certification mark.</td>
<td>not applicable</td>
<td>An individual who is “Suspended” will be provided the opportunity to petition for reinstatement upon the completion of their suspension period. If the petition for reinstatement is denied twice, the individual’s status will be “Revoked.”</td>
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Once the status transition takes place, individuals that currently have a status of Resigned, Inactive, Administrative Suspension or Revoked (prior to 2006) will have their status changed to Expired. The reinstatement process will remain the same. Due to the elimination of the Inactive status, the BOC will no longer accept inactive status applications.
BOC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Electronic Certification Cards

The BOC began providing electronic BOC certification cards and certificates on September 26, 2011. Newly certified ATs will first receive an automated email with their certification number. Then, within 5 business days, they will receive another email with links to important information about their newly earned credential and a PDF file containing an electronic certificate and certification card. Specifically, the second email will include links on how to:

- Request verification of your certification for state regulation and/or employment
- Order a professional plaque or certificate to proudly display your status as an AT
- Market the athletic training profession
- Maintain your certification by completing recertification requirements

The BOC encourages all ATs to print their card to carry with them and to save the email that contains the PDF file. Should you lose the printed card, you can go back to the original email and print the card again.

BOC Website Survey

It’s been over a year since we redesigned the BOC website, www.bocatc.org, for easier readability and better navigation. The website is an informational tool for ATs, candidates, BOC Approved Providers, Program Directors, BOC board and committees as well as the public. Please let us know what you think about the website by taking our short website survey at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PLWDFVC. Visit the BOC’s website for regular updates and find us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube. Thank you to those who have already participated in our survey.

Stay in The Know

- Avoid missing important notifications from the BOC. If you are using a college/university email address on your BOC Central™ profile, we encourage you to instead use a personal email address (e.g., Yahoo, Gmail, Hotmail). Email addresses with ‘.edu’ or ‘.org’ extensions are more likely to block incoming emails.
- Did you see that the Mayo Clinic published an article titled “Musculoskeletal Complications of Fluoroquinolones: Guidelines and Precautions for Usage in the Athletic Population.” In this article under proposed guidelines for use, the Mayo authors state, “Athletes should avoid all use of fluoroquinolone antibiotics unless no alternative is available.”
- In 2012, look for a new BOC Central™ logo as part of an updated design of your profile along with the same great features.
New BOC Board of Directors Announced

The results are in! Thank you to the 12.74% of ATs that voted in the BOC election. The BOC welcomes Erin Cramer, MS, ATC, PA-C as the newest member of the BOC Board of Directors. Erin will officially begin his first term in January 2013.

Cramer, a BOC Certified AT since 1995, resides in Stayton, Oregon and works as a Family Practice Physician Assistant at Sublimity Medical Clinic. His involvement with the BOC began in 1998 when he first served as a BOC exam model and examiner and then continued in 2005 as a member of the BOC’s Impaired Practitioner Task Force. Cramer received his bachelor of science in physical education with an athletic training emphasis at Montana State University in 1995, a master of science in exercise and movement science/athletic training at the University of Oregon in 1997 and a master of science in physician assistant studies at Pacific University in 2009. Cramer is also involved in the Northwest Athletic Trainers’ Association.

In response to the election results, Cramer said: “I’m excited and honored to get this opportunity. Throughout my education and career, the people who have been my mentors and others who have been models of the professional that I strive to be have led by serving. It’s what we do. To that end, I look forward to the work I will get to be a part of in the coming years. Thank you.”

Ed Christman, AT Ret. will be the BOC’s newest Corporate Educational Director. Christman’s term will begin January 1, 2013, and he will replace outgoing Corporate Educational Director Paul DeMartinis. Christman, resides in Olathe, Kansas and works as Vice-President of Marketing for Cramer Products, Inc. He was an AT for over 25 years and started his business career with Bike Athletic Company. Christman received his bachelor of science in education at Ohio University in 1969 and a master of education in sports medicine at Miami University in 1972. Christman served as a board member of the Coalition of Americans to Protect Sports (CAPS).

In response to this position, Christman said: “I’m very pleased to accept a position on the BOC Board of Directors and look forward to using my background in business and the sports medicine field to assist the mission of the BOC in protecting the health and safety of athletes at all levels.”

Market the BOC Certification

- Publicize your status as an AT by sending a press release to your local newspaper. Visit the BOC website to see a sample. Please call (877) 262-3926 ext. 117 or email BrittneyR@bocatc.org if you wish to request an official press release on BOC letterhead.
- Announce your accomplishment to friends, family and followers via Twitter and other social media. Be Certain.™ to connect with the BOC on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube.
- Read and comment on the BOC blog at www.bocatc.org/blog.
- Learn about NCCA accreditation. The BOC is the only accredited AT certification program in the US. The BOC has been accredited by the NCCA since 1982 by demonstrating compliance with strict accreditation standards.
- Purchase a plaque or certificate with gold embossed BOC logo and seal of certification to proudly display your BOC certification. Order now through the BOC website at www.bocatc.org.
Volunteer Opportunities

The BOC is always seeking ATs, physicians and members of the public who are interested in being a part of the BOC’s mission through service on one of the BOC committees, task forces or the Board of Directors. The work of a credentialing agency such as the BOC is a complex responsibility that serves to provide a level of competency assurance to the public. Currently, the BOC is looking for Exam Item Writers and Home Study Reviewers.

Exam Item Writers
Exam Item Writers are ATs who develop exam questions for the national entry-level BOC certification exam. The BOC is currently looking for actively practicing ATs in the following practice settings:

- Secondary School
- Clinic/Hospital
- Professional Sports/Performing Arts
- Military/Government/Law Enforcement
- Industrial/Corporate
- Health/Fitness Industry
- Sales/Marketing
- Youth Sports

For an application and list of requirements, please contact Chad Kinart, Exam Development Coordinator, by calling (877) 262-3926 ext. 121 or emailing ChadK@bocatc.org.

Home Study Reviewers
The BOC is in need of ATs to act as reviewers for home study programs. Each home study course submitted to the BOC for approval must be peer reviewed by a team of three ATs. Opportunities for home study reviewers include:

- Giving back to the AT profession
- Strengthening social or professional contacts
- Receiving personal satisfaction and professional recognition
- Gaining a different experience in your professional development
- Helping shape the future of the AT profession
- Earning up to 10 CEUs per year

If you are interested in being considered as a home study reviewer for the BOC, please submit the application, a cover letter and your curriculum vitae to:

Board of Certification
Provider Relations Department
1415 Harney St Ste 200
Omaha NE 68102-2205

If you have any questions, please contact Mindy Lindquist, Provider Relations Coordinator, at (877) 262-3926 ext. 119.
The leadership of the Strategic Alliance, which includes the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), the National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA), and the Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC), has concluded that it is both appropriate and necessary to issue this formal statement to remind institutions, supervisors and students that athletic training students should provide services to patients only when directly supervised by the appropriate personnel. This includes athletic training students who travel with athletic teams.

According to the 2008 Standards for the Accreditation of Entry-Level Athletic Training Education Programs, “an approved clinical instructor or clinical instructor must be physically present and have the ability to intervene on behalf of the athletic training student to provide on-going and consistent education.”

The Strategic Alliance has a vested interest in student supervision, an issue that transcends educational programs and impacts the profession of athletic training as a whole. The CAATE is involved from an educational standpoint, the BOC is involved from the regulatory perspective, and the NATA is concerned about issues affecting the athletic training profession.

Athletic training services should be provided only by BOC-certified or otherwise regulated personnel or by students under the direct supervision of such personnel. Athletic training students should only travel with teams when directly supervised at all times by appropriately credentialed athletic trainers. The practice of an unsupervised student providing athletic training services replaces licensed athletic training staff with unregulated personnel. This is illegal in most states, and the practice is contrary to the safety and welfare of patients. Additionally, it is not in the best interests of the profession and therefore cannot be supported by the Strategic Alliance.

The direct supervision of athletic training students is in the best interest of the institutions, supervisors, students, and patients. It is required under the CAATE education standards. As stated above, the Standards stipulate a clinical instructor must be physically present and able to interact with an athletic training student at the site of the clinical experience.

The Strategic Alliance acknowledges that critical thinking and independent clinical decision-making are at the heart of good clinical supervision. Direct supervision does not preclude students’ ability to learn and exercise those key skills. Clinical instructors and supervisors should allow students the appropriate freedom to engage in critical thinking and decision-making in a suitable environment. Above all, supervision by an instructor or supervisor must be adequate to ensure that each patient receives competent and quality care and to ensure compliance with the relevant state practice act. Failure to provide adequate supervision could expose the institution and regulated professionals to liability.

The Strategic Alliance is evaluating clinical education from several perspectives and is developing additional models and tools. This collective effort will assist athletic training students and classroom and clinical instructors.
BOC Self Assessment Exams

The BOC offers integrated online self assessment exams in test or study mode to students preparing for the BOC certification exam. ATs may also utilize the self assessment exams to find their strengths and weaknesses when deciding on their future CE activities.

In February 2011, the self assessment exams were refreshed to match the updated exam format and to coincide with the Role Delineation Study/Practice Analysis, Sixth Edition (RD/PA6). Content experts who develop the BOC certification exam wrote and reviewed the items in the self assessment exams, which will help to determine areas of strength and weakness in athletic training for future study or to identify CE needs.

The BOC self assessment exams include 65 multiple-choice questions, 1 focused testlet with 5 alternative item type questions and 5 stand-alone alternative item type questions. The study mode allows candidates to have access to the answer and reference for each question while working through the items. The test mode allows candidates to take the exam as a test and receive a basic report broken down by domain.

The questions within each version in the test mode are identical to the questions within the same version in study mode. Items appearing on the self assessment exams are representative of the questions on the BOC certification exam. Although the content areas of the self assessment exams are comparable to those of the actual certification exam, the questions included in the self assessment exams will never appear on a future certification exam. Self assessment exams can be accessed through the BOC website.

BOC Exam Format

The BOC certification exam contains a combination of 175 scored and unscored (experimental) items including:

- Stand-alone multiple-choice questions
- Stand-alone alternative items (drag and drop, text based simulation, multi-select, hot spot, etc.)
- Focused testlets
  - A 5-item focused testlet consists of a scenario followed by 5 key/critical questions related to that scenario
  - Each focused testlet may include multiple-choice questions and/or any of the previously described alternative item types

Candidates have a total of 4 hours to complete the exam, and candidates will not know which questions are experimental.

BOC Exam Calendars

The BOC exam is administered at CASTLE Worldwide testing centers during 2-week testing windows. Candidates who register and pay the $300 exam fee will receive an email from CASTLE Worldwide 3-7 business days after the last $300 exam registration date. Candidates who register and pay the $375 exam fee will receive an email from CASTLE Worldwide 3-7 business days after the last $375 exam registration date. The CASTLE email will include a link, username and password for candidates to utilize when logging in to CASTLE to schedule their exam site, date and time. Candidates may need to add Exam@bocatc.org and ibt@castleworldwide.com to their list of approved senders so important messages do not get sent to their spam folder. CASTLE has more than 250 exam sites in the US and Canada, and the BOC exam is currently administered in the US and Canada only.

Note: Not every site will be available for every testing window. Once you are approved to take an exam, you will receive a web link with your notice to schedule that lists specifically which sites, dates and times are available during the testing window for which you are scheduling.
Recertification Deadline

Staggered CE reporting is ending and the BOC is returning to one common expiration date for recertification. By 3/31/2012, ATs will have their expiration date updated to 12/31/2013. Specifically, the criteria that follows will be implemented:

- ATs certified prior to 2011 will have 75 CEUs due 12/31/2013
  ATs who are required to report their CE by 12/31/2011 will receive a credit of 25 CEUs for 2012-2013 making their requirement 50 CEUs within the 2-year period
- ATs initially certified in 2011 and 2012 will also have their CEUs prorated
- Electronic BOC cards with updated expiration dates will be emailed in December 2011 and January 2012

The following charts provide the current requirements and the CE requirements as of 2012:

**ATs Certified Prior to 2011**^v

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* ATs with a 2011 expiration date are still required to complete and report required CE by the end of 2011 in order to have their expiration date updated to 12/31/2013.

^ATs with an expiration date of 2015, 2016 or 2017 will have their expiration date updated to 12/31/2013; however, the BOC acknowledges that the CE requirements for the 2013 deadline has been fulfilled and only the 2012 and 2013 recertification fees need to be paid. See “Looking Ahead to 2014” below.

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**Looking Ahead to 2014**

The following chart provides the CE requirements as of 2014, which marks the beginning of 2-year reporting periods:

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The current CE categories A, B, C and D and calculation of CEUs will not be changing. However, ATs will see a new form simplifying CE reporting. Beginning in 2012, the following form will NOT be used anymore. To view a snapshot of the simplified CE reporting form, please visit the BOC website at [http://bit.ly/stQdcx](http://bit.ly/stQdcx) and click on the tab that says CE Reporting Form under “Important Information: What’s New in 2012”.

### Ways to Save Money on CE

1. Early bird registration can save up to 25% of the registration cost.
2. Register with a friend when the conference gives a discount for doing so. Many give discounts of 10-15% for simply bringing a friend.
3. Schedule airline reservations 3-4 months early and save up to 75%.
4. Sharing a hotel room can save you up to 50%. Some hotels actually charge the same per room, whether it is occupied by one person or two.

**Bottom Line:** Plan Ahead.

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The BOC hosted the fifth Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference July 8-9, 2011, at the Doubletree in Omaha, Nebraska. The purpose of the conference is to create a network of communication among state athletic trainer leadership and state regulatory agencies.

The BOC welcomed more than 130 attendees, which included ATs as well as members of state regulatory agencies and state associations, with representation from 41 of the 50 US states and two Canadian provinces. Dave Montgomery of Nebraska and Kurt McClurg, ATC, of Ohio were Co-Chairs of the Advisory Panel that assisted with planning the event. Sponsors of the event were Gold Sponsors: Johnson & Johnson and Mutual of Omaha, Associate Sponsor: Regal Awards & Advertising Specialties and Program Sponsor: Impact™ Concussion Management.

Keynote speaker Brad Sherman, MS, AT-Ret., opened the conference by providing his keynote address “Healthcare Regulation in a Time of Political and Financial Chaos.” As clinical instructor at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Sherman’s presentation was thought-provoking, posing questions about how regulators and healthcare professionals know how to move forward. He shared that ATs have a large opportunity to work with baby boomers. Sherman is a 1997 Wisconsin Athletic Trainers’ Association (WATA) Hall of Fame member.

Conference participants attended various presentations and listened to updates describing how each are contributing to the regulatory process and public protection. The PowerPoint® presentations from the 2011 conference are available on the BOC website.

Two awards were presented at the awards reception on Friday – the Paul Grace Leadership Award and the Public Advocacy Award. The Paul Grace Leadership Award was established by the BOC Board of Directors in 2005 to recognize individuals who have excelled in developing, designing and/or implementing programs or practices that have contributed to the mission of the BOC. The 2011 Paul Grace Leadership Award was presented to Bernadette Olson, EdD, ATC. A BOC Certified AT for 23 years, Olson has been an active volunteer and advocate for the BOC having various roles as examiner for the BOC exam, role delineation panelist, home study reviewer, Athletic Trainer Director, board vice president and board president.

The Public Advocacy Award was established in 2007 to recognize an individual, group or organization who has demonstrated leadership in protecting athletic training consumers. Public Advocacy Award recipients are leaders in the conception, construction and/or modification of Athletic Trainer regulation that protects the public and athletic training consumers. The 2011 Public Advocacy Award was presented to Rusty McKune, MS, ATC, for his role in legislative and regulatory efforts in organizing the Nebraska State Practice Act and Statutes for Athletic Training and being instrumental in the development of LB260, The Concussion Awareness Act.

The BOC will host the next AT Regulatory Conference in Omaha July 12-13, 2013.
**2011 BOC AT Regulatory Conference Success (continued)**

*Rave Reviews from Attendees at the 2011 Conference:*

“As a young professional, I am still trying to identify my personal areas of interest in regulation. This conference exposed me to a variety of domains within regulation and offered just enough information to entice me to learn more about each area. I am excited to become more involved in the progression of the profession and will strongly encourage my colleagues to participate in the 2013 session.”

“This conference has really made me think about how I teach about state regulation and practice acts in the classroom to future Athletic Trainers. It also made me think about how we practice and how we could enhance some of the practices we do in the clinic setting.”

“I really enjoyed this conference. It was great information and great networking.”

*Thank You to Our Gold Sponsors:*

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**Athletic Training Regulation and the BOC Exam**

Currently, there are 48 states that have some form of athletic training regulation. The BOC exam is a requirement to obtain regulation in 47 of the 48 states; however, it is important to recognize that passing the BOC exam is only a precursor to athletic training practice. Compliance with state regulatory requirements is mandatory and the only avenue to legal athletic training practice. For specific details regarding state regulation, please contact your state regulatory agency.

Failure to comply with state regulations pertaining to Athletic Trainers is a direct violation of the Code of Professional Responsibility (Code 3.2) of the *BOC Standards of Professional Practice*.

**Recent State Regulation Implementations:**
West Virginia – Deadline to be registered was July 1, 2011
Maryland – Deadline to be licensed was October 1, 2011

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**2013 BOC Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference**

**July 12-13, 2013**

**Doubletree Hotel**

Omaha, Nebraska
Professional Practice and Discipline

The Professional Practice and Discipline (PP&D) Committee is responsible for the oversight and adjudication of the BOC Standards of Professional Practice, which consist of the Practice Standards and the Code of Professional Responsibility. The PP&D Committee has jurisdiction over all BOC Certified ATs and both current and prospective BOC exam applicants. The BOC Standards of Professional Practice and Professional Practice and Discipline Guidelines and Procedures can be viewed on the BOC website at www.bocatc.org.

Disciplinary Actions

The following is a summary of the violations that were reported and decided by the PP&D Committee in the second quarter of 2011:

- 9 ATs failed to comply with state law pertaining to the practice of athletic training (Code 3.2); all were found guilty of practicing without a state license for a period of time and were issued a private censure and/or an ethics course.
- 61 candidates failed to provide the BOC with accurate information in regards to their exam applications (Code 3.7); all provided incorrect graduation dates.
- 10 candidates were found guilty of taking action(s) that lead to or may have lead to a conviction; all were granted exam eligibility and if necessary placed on probation for a period of 3 years upon certification.

If any member of the public (AT, employer, consumer, etc.) feels that an individual has violated one or more of the BOC Standards of Professional Practice, he/she can file a complaint. A complaint form can be found on the BOC website at www.bocatc.org. All complaints should be made in writing to:

BOC Professional Practice and Discipline Committee
1415 Harney St Ste 200
Omaha NE 68102-2250

Role Delineation Study/Practice Analysis, Sixth Edition

The Role Delineation Study/Practice Analysis, Sixth Edition (RD/PA6) has been in effect as of the April 2011 exam. RD/PA6 will be in effect for the continuing education reporting period starting January 1, 2012.

The following RD/PA6 downloads are now available online at no cost:
- Content Outline for RD/PA6
- Comparison of RD/PA6 to RD5
- How to Use RD/PA6

Visit the BOC Resource Store on the BOC website to purchase the full electronic version of the RD/PA6 for $9.95.

Note: This is an electronic file that will be available for download immediately upon completion of online payment. Purchasers must download and save the file using the link provided on the order completion page, as the document will not be sent via email or mail.
Featured Approved Provider

It is very important that ATs are able to recognize BOC Approved Providers when looking at advertisements or attendance certificates. Therefore, the BOC recognizes BOC Approved Providers who follow the guidelines to help identify the BOC in these materials. A BOC Approved Provider is featured in each issue of *The Approved Provider* and *Certification Update*. The latest featured BOC Approved Provider is Educational Symposia located in Tampa, FL.

Educational Symposia has been a BOC Approved Provider since April 2011. As you can see in the advertisement below, Educational Symposia adheres to the policies found under “Business Practices” of the *BOC Approved Provider Guidebook*. Recently, the BOC asked Educational Symposia’s Michele Reagan to comment on the benefits of being a BOC Approved Provider. This is what she had to say:

“Educational Symposia offers continuing medical education courses considered to be Mastery Level for BOC Certified Athletic Trainers (ATs). We support the efforts of the BOC to ensure the curriculums are thorough and challenging and that, ultimately, providers are bringing a healing mission to our ATs through their ongoing professional development.

The decision to become a BOC Approved Provider was simple. The website provided easy-to-follow directions but also gave clear guidelines on the marketing assistance (logo, mailing list, education calendar) available to the BOC Approved Provider. Educational Symposia has benefitted from the use of the BOC mailing list by targeting ATs for our upcoming 6th Annual Musculoskeletal MRI: Imaging in Sports Medicine Symposium. We have increased our attendance and are giving ATs the experience of attending a rewarding and enriching educational program taught by experts in the field. Educational Symposia has made a strategic decision to become a BOC Approved Provider to build our business, and we are delighted to be partnering with the BOC.”

As you can see in the advertisement below, Educational Symposia adheres to the policies found under “Business Practices” of the *BOC Approved Provider Guidebook*. If you would like to be considered for recognition as a BOC Approved Provider, please submit your advertisements and certificates of completion for review. You can email your electronic promotional materials to MindyL@bocatc.org or mail your printed promotional materials to:

**Board of Certification**
**Attn: Provider Relations Coordinator**
**1415 Harney St Ste 200**
**Omaha NE  68105-2250**

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**6th Annual**

**MUSCULOSKELETAL MRI:**

*The Venetian® | The Palazzo®*
Las Vegas, Nevada

**November 3 - 5, 2011**

Educational Symposia is recognized by the Board of Certification, Inc. to offer continuing education for Certified Athletic Trainers.
Keep Your Contact Information Current

Have you moved or changed your email address? Is your legal name going to change, have you changed your legal name or do you have a suffix in your legal name? Please Be Certain™ to update your contact information in BOC Central™ so that you can continue receiving important information from the BOC. If your BOC profile does not reflect your current legal name information, please complete a Name Change Request Form at http://bit.ly/tZ6Jbs and submit it to the BOC.

BOC Holiday Hours

The BOC office will be closed for the following holidays:

- Christmas: December 23-26, 2011
- New Year’s: January 2, 2012
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: January 16, 2012
- Good Friday: April 6, 2012
- Memorial Day: May 28, 2012