

Mission, Goals and Objectives

Athletic Training Program Mission and Goals and Objectives

The Athletic Training Program prepares students to become proficient professional practitioners, to pursue further education and professional standing, to live lives of service as modeled by Jesus Christ, and to be liberally educated.

◆ Become proficient professional practitioners.

Proficiency is demonstrated formatively through:

- Completion and mastery of the NATA Educational Competencies and Clinical Proficiencies.
- Assessment and evaluation by professors, approved clinical instructors, medical staff and coaches.

Summatively, proficiency is demonstrated by:

- Students passing the three components of the NATA-BOC examination. Graduates of the PLNU ATP assuming membership in and leadership of the profession.

◆ Further student's educational and professional standing by pursuing:

- Involvement in and enhancement of the Athletic Training profession
A graduate degree and/or a Secondary Education Teaching Credential

◆ Live lives of service to others as modeled by Jesus Christ.

- Jesus taught that, *"The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."*

◆ Be liberally educated.

The ATP promotes harmony with the PLNU liberal arts education tenets of learning by:

Responding to the Sacred Developing
cognitive abilities Exploring an
interdependent world Seeking cultural
perspectives

Goals and Objectives of the A.T.P.

- Goal—Everyone in the ATP will strive to be a lifetime learner.
 - Students and faculty will share their intellectual frontiers, new adventures and discoveries through interactions in both classroom and clinical settings.
 - Students and faculty will search for and read the current best evidence inside and outside of our discipline.
 - Students and faculty will actively strive to close the gap between clinical practices and empirical evidence.
- Goal—Faculty will thrive in their performance as PLNU faculty, and as Athletic Training professors, mentors, and clinical preceptors.
 - Faculty will successfully function in the university as faculty members including: participation in the committee structure, co-curricular activities with students, promotion and tenure processes and departmental business.
 - Faculty will actively seek to determine learning styles of their students; they will recognize their own teaching styles and take responsibility for teaching each student in an effective, purposeful manner.
 - Faculty will continue to model and expect sound clinical practice from each ATS.
 - Faculty and Director of the ATP will continually assess the vitality of each course and the program in general, including the assessment of learning over time, the teaching methods utilized, the human and physical resources, and the desired learning outcomes.
 - Faculty will contribute to the advancement of the athletic training profession by volunteering and/or presenting at professional conferences, and/or by publishing in allied healthcare journals.
- Goal—Students will plan for life and career directions.
 - Student will project career direction during their undergraduate program.
 - Students will articulate their life mission statement.
 - Students will be encouraged to remain in contact with the faculty.
- Goal—ATS's and ATC's will experience the joy of service for others
 - Students will, through diverse clinical and cultural experiences, be enriched by genuinely caring for and learning from others.
 - Students and faculty will value the worth of the people with whom they study, work and play.
 - Students will contribute to an excellent level of care for PLNU student-athletes and clients at the affiliate clinical sites, thus living out the service component of a PLNU athletic training education.
- Goal—The ATP will always provide quality educational resources and facilities.
 - Student will benefit from excellent library resources, including electronic resources, laboratory equipment, and therapeutic rehabilitation equipment.
 - ATS's enjoy their own study center in the Athletic Training Clinic, which will contain have the learning materials that enhance their personal and group study.
 - The PLNU Athletic Training Clinic and Labs will be equipped with equipment consistent with industry standards and necessary to demonstrate educational competence and clinical proficiency.

- University administrators for whom the ATP is a responsibility will periodically assess the quality of physical resources and will budget for improvements as needed.
- Goal—The PLNU community, the greater San Diego community and our regional university constituency will be cognizant of the ATP Mission; quality of its students and faculty and the role of service played in the athletic health care area.
 - University administrators, faculty and staff will be aware of the Mission of the ATP.
 - San Diego medical and allied health personnel will have familiarity with the PLNU ATP and value its presence in the community.
 - The clinical affiliates and the ATP will co-venture in providing information and service to the greater community.
 - ATP faculty will recruit students locally and regionally.
- Goal—The ATP will effectively educate allied health care professionals
 - Students will pass the NATA-BOC exam at a rate of success higher than the national average.
 - Students will be equipped to seek out employment upon graduation.
 - Students will be involved in professional activities as undergraduates and after they graduate.
 - Students will take their place in the service of physically active people.