

Athletic Training Education Program Clinical Rotation First Responder Policy

University of Connecticut Student Athletic Trainer Definition of First Responder

A student athletic trainer may only act as a first responder as defined below when not under the direct supervision (auditory and visual contact) of an approved clinical instructor.

A first responder is allowed to perform first aid and CPR when appropriate. A first responder also is allowed to apply prophylactic taping and use preventative stretching on athletes. A first responder *may not*, however, make a return to play decision following an injury. This includes the decision to tape an athlete so they can return to play with an acute injury. ***All injuries must be referred to a certified athletic trainer.*** When performing in the capacity of a first responder the athletic training student must be equipped with a communication device (walkie-talkie, cell-phone) to assure immediate access to an approved clinical instructor. The approved clinical instructor must always be within two minutes of availability (walking) when covering two sites. Questions regarding this policy should be directed toward the Director of Entry-Level Athletic Training Education. The policy of the athletic training education program is to maximize the amount of direct supervision from an approved clinical instructor that an athletic training student receives while performing clinical rotations, but utilizes the enclosed policy on the occasions an athletic training student is not under the direct supervision of an approved clinical instructor.

The signature of the athletic training student directly below represents an understanding of the first responder policy.

Athletic Training Student Signature	Print Name	Date
Director, Entry-Level Athletic Training Education	Print Name	Date
Approved Clinical Instructor	Print Name	Date

The signature of the athletic training student directly below represents a willingness to serve in the capacity of first responder during a clinical rotation experience when not under the direct supervision (auditory & visual contact) of an approved clinical instructor.

Athletic Training Student Signature	Print Name	Date
Director, Entry-Level Athletic Training Education	Print Name	Date
Approved Clinical Instructor	Print Name	Date