

Appendix B

Blood Borne Pathogens Policy

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin Athletic Training Education Program provides an academic program of study involving formal classroom education combined with clinical experience with intercollegiate athletics at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin. In addition, students are participating in clinical experiences at other off-campus sites, including but not limited to, outpatient physical therapy clinics, work performance center, high school athletic teams, and primary care sports medicine clinics. All clinical experiences in these settings are conducted under the supervision of a clinical instructor and/or other health care professionals at the respective facility. If an exposure is thought to occur, the athletic training student is expected to follow the guidelines in the Infectious Illness Policy (Appendix H).

As a result of potential exposure to blood and other infectious materials, it is the policy of the Athletic Training Staff to give each student enrolled within the Athletic Training Education Program formal instruction in Universal Precautions, according to the recommendations from the Center for Disease Control. This formal instruction will be provided in the classroom as part of the athletic training educational program, and additionally will be provided in a workshop by the University. Each student within the Athletic Training Education Program will be required to attend an annual formal instructional session provided by the University. Formal instruction in Universal Precautions includes: Disposal of needles, and other sharp instruments; hand washing; cleaning, disinfecting, and sterilizing; cleaning and decontaminating blood spills, laundry; disposal of infective waste; use of disposable gloves, masks, eyewear, and gowns, and resuscitation equipment